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The members of the Granite City Steelers squirts (ages 9 through 11) hockey team present Salvation Army toys they collected for distribution this holiday season. Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Go racing, folks 'Wizard' to appear in Granite City

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The Wizard is coming to town. Former St. Louis Cardinals shortstop Ozzie Smith has turned his attention to the NASCAR circuit.

As a result Smith, Rod Wortham, president of AMC Marketing, and Malcolm Briggs, a KSDK-TV Channel 5 sports anchor and president of Sable Productions, joined NASCAR owner Harry Rainer in a joint NASCAR Winston Cup venture they're calling Wizard Motorsports.

On Monday, Winner's Circle Race Team Store, 4100 Nameoki Road in Granite City, will host Smith, Briggs and others from 5 to 7 p.m.

Smith, Wortham and Briggs announced their partnership at the Gateway International Raceway in October.

Wortham, of Granite City, said Smith is coming to the store for publicity for both the store and the Wizard Motorsports.

"I expect a big crowd, a lot of kids," he said.

The new racing team is a combination of many top talents, he said.

"We're probably the first NASCAR team to come out of this area that I know of."

Rod Wortham
Granite City native

"We're probably the first NASCAR team to come out of this area that I know of," Wortham said.

Harry Rainer, who has 24 Winston Cup and three Daytona 500 wins, is well-known in the racing circle, as is his son, Lorin. The senior Rainer has a racing history going back to the 1950s, he said.

"He has a lot of respect in racing," Wortham said, and brings a lot of experience to the team.

Wortham also looked for a high profile athlete with a lot of class. Naturally, he went to Ozzie Smith first, and Smith agreed.

"He's such a great guy," he said. (See OZZIE, Page 6A)

Marching toward a goal Salvation Army ready to make up lost ground

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A combination of bad weather and a late start at several of its bell-ringing locations has left the Salvation Army behind in its fund-raising efforts.

"Things are going less than desirable," said Capt. Martin Colip.

This year, the Salvation Army has set a goal of \$220,000. This week, he said they were about \$10,000 behind where they should be.

"We're that safety net, and if we're not there nobody else is."

Capt. Martin Colip

The Southwestern Madison County Salvation Army covers the Granite City, Collinsville, Edwardsville and Highland areas.

Colip said one of the problems has been bad weather.

"When you have these bad days not as many people are out shopping," he said.

Another major problem was a late start at several bell-ringing locations. (See ARMY, Page 4A)

Venice property taxes could drop in 1998

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Venice taxpayers may be paying less in property taxes next year.

At Tuesday's meeting the Venice City Council approved a 1997-98 tax levy that should mean a 52 cent decrease in the tax rate.

Also approved were ordinances setting a .10 per \$100 tax for street maintenance and a .02 per \$100 tax rate for the Venice Public Library.

The total levy is for \$420,897. Of that, \$85,358 is for general fund expenditures, while the bulk of the levy comes from taxes for specific

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purposes.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said if the city's assessed valuation stays at the present \$15 million, next year's tax rate should be about \$3.01 per \$100 assessed value. This year's tax rate was \$3.5356 per \$100 assessed value.

That decrease would mean the owner of a \$80,000 home would pay about \$25 less in property taxes next year.

City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said the two major changes this year

(See VENICE, Page 4A)

Families find trees the natural way

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

In this season of finding the right holiday items, some have discovered how to chop until they drop.

About 12,000 Christmas trees can be found at Lost Acres Tree Farm in Lebanon, where tree shoppers chop down that just-perfect tree.

"We sell between 600 and 800 a year," Marlene Harsen said, owner of Lost Acres. "We have sold as many as 1,200 a year."

Harsen said selecting and chopping down trees at tree farms is becoming more and more popular.

"People are going back to the natural trees," Harsen

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said. Last year was the first time the Bolen family — Jerry, Sue, 17-year-old Stephen and 16-year-old Elizabeth — from Belleville cut their own tree.

"We loved it," Sue Bolen said. "The two teen-age children were with us. We all fought because we all thought we had the perfect Christmas tree. I think we had about 40 different trees picked out."

Although Bolen said she can't remember whose tree won the trip home, the family definitely plans to return to

(See CHOP, Page 8A)

Kiwanis display lights up night



Photo by DENNIS CALDWELL

Fantasy of Lights at Tower Grove Park continues through Dec. 28. Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$5 per car or van and \$1 per person for groups of 10 or more.

Park site for 500,000 lights

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

Not long after the sun drops into the western skies, the bright lights begin to shine at Tower Grove Park. All 500,000 of them.

And visitors in their cars line the park to see illuminated trees, fountains, buildings and statues.

John Karel, director of Tower Grove Park, gives the display glowing reviews.

"We're very pleased with the way it's gone," Karel said.

"The lights have added another dimension to the winter landscape."

"We've had nothing but positive comments."

Metro East resident, Greg Gelzinis, who created the popular Celebration of Christmas in Alton six years ago, was instrumental in developing the Tower Grove Park display.

"Between Illinois and Missouri communities, the St. Louis area is home to some of the finest Christmas light displays in the country," Gelzinis said.

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 John Fuller, Meteorologist • KSDK News Channel 5

Weather NOTES So far in December we have received 2.6" of snow. The normal amount for December is 1.1". Snowfall for the season is 5.2" and for an entire winter we usually average 19.5".

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Boyd to speak at commencement

Mary Ann Boyd, a professor in the Southern Illinois University School of Nursing, will be the keynote speaker for the university's fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 20.

Her address, "Reflections and Challenges," will center on the difficult work the nearly 800 graduates have completed in their college careers.

"I will focus on their accomplishments, reminding them of the support they received from families and the community," professor Boyd said. "Hopefully, I can instill a sense of confidence as they approach the challenges of the approaching millennium."

The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Vadalabene Center, with SIUE Chancellor David Werner presiding and conferring the degrees.

Recognitions will include presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to



Mary Ann Boyd

Richard Mark, president of St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis. Walter Novak, a candidate for the bachelor of arts degree in chemistry, will give remarks on behalf of the Class of 1997.

Associated with SIUE since 1977, Boyd had been an

instructor in staff development for Barnes Hospital, a staff nurse in the Acute Psychiatric Unit at John Cochran Hospital, a community psychiatry nursing coordinator for the State Hospital, and an assistant professor of nursing at Maryville College, all in St. Louis.

While at SIUE, she has also served as a clinical specialist for the State Hospital in St. Louis and a clinical supervisor for Health Improvement Systems, Inc. in Cincinnati. Currently, she is serving as a program training specialist for the Eastern Region of the Missouri Department of Health and a clinical professor.

At SIUE, she has been an assistant dean for research and planning, a project director for research and computer training for a Nurse Educators Grant and a coordinator for the SIUE Excellence in Undergraduate Education Program.

New subdivision annexed

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A proposed new subdivision encompassing about 100 acres was annexed into the village of Pontoon Beach at Tuesday's Board meeting.

The board also denied a petition by property owners on Division Street to disconnect from the village so they can seek rezoning of their land to allow mobile homes to be placed there.

Two tracts of land — each 59.94 acres — located on the west side of Lake Drive between Highway 162 and Horseshoe Lake Road were annexed. One tract belongs to Helen Bueger and Gary W. Stark, the second is owned by a trust, and is under option to

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Buenger and Stark.

Construction on the subdivision, called Emerald Meadows, is expected to begin as soon as the developers can obtain approval of the construction plans.

The land was zoned agricultural but was brought into the village as single-family residence.

In other business, the board turned down a request by property owners Fred A. Hartline, Sharon L. Hartline and Sherrie Deutsch that two lots on Division Street be allowed to disconnect from the village. They sought a return to unin-

corporated Madison County so they could have the lots rezoned to allow mobile homes.

The petition states that the owners have attempted to sell the lots to be developed as a single-family residences, but cannot. According to the petition, the village had informed them that zoning ordinances prohibit the placing of mobile homes on lots of less than one acre.

Trustee Lou Whitsell said the property was originally annexed into the village after the county would not allow the owner to place mobile homes on the lot, and the owners would face the same problem.

The board then voted unanimously to deny the petition.

Board approves roadway easement

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A plat for a roadway easement in a development on McDonough Lake Road was given final approval by the Pontoon Beach Board of Trustees Tuesday.

Developer Walter Crowell is planning to sell two acre parcels on the property. There were some concerns about wetlands, but a report from the engineering firm Sherill Associates Inc. stated the eastern portion of the property is not considered wetlands, but on the west side of the proposed road the property is considered wetlands. Wetlands would require special permitting for development.

No development on the west side is planned at this time.

In other business the board gave tentative approval to a request to subdivide property at 3533 Highway 162 into two lots — one residential and one business.

Vette Cotter had requested permission to subdivide a lot, and had also requested a zoning change and property line setbacks.

After a Dec. 1 public hearing, the Zoning Board agreed to the changes, including rezon-

ing from business to residential.

However, several changes in setbacks were required. The Zoning Board approved a 25-foot setback on the front yard, and a 15-foot setback on the side yard. The plan showed an 18.4-foot and 5-foot setback, respectively.

Trustee Lou Whitsell questioned whether the Zoning Board could make all the changes, and originally asked that the decision be tabled, but the board later agreed to agree with the Zoning Board recommendations except for the zoning change.

Village Attorney Brian Polinski said he would look into the matter.

The Village Board also approved a resolution to continue using former Village Attorney Keith Jensen in several ongoing legal matters.

The action had been tabled at the last meeting after questions were raised about possible conflict of interest.

Jensen recently resigned to become City Attorney for Granite City. Polinski said he did not think there would be a problem with conflict of interest, but if there was, Jensen would be required to inform the board.

Democrats unveil Shimkus opponent

By Becky Vollmer
Telegraph staff writer

It appears Democrats finally have a candidate to take on U.S. Rep. John Shimkus in next year's election, getting in just before Monday's filing deadline.

Dave Loebach, a Democratic

precinct committeeman from Springfield, said Wednesday he plans to lean on labor issues in hopes of unseating Shimkus, a freshman Republican from Collinsville.

Loebach, 51, said he would file his petitions with the Illinois Board of Elections by Monday's deadline.

"The 20th District needs a voice in Washington that will represent the interests of working men and women, not big corporations and special interests. I intend to be that person."

Democrats from the southern end of the district have indicated no one from Madison

County plans to file.

Tom Doubet, a political consultant who is aiding Loebach's campaign, said Wednesday, "It looks like we'll be the only candidate in the race."

State Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, who lost to Shimkus by only 1,200 votes in the November 1996 congressional election, opted against another run and returned to the Illinois Legislature instead. Loebach said Shimkus' stance on "fast-track" legislation was one of the issues that made him decide to run. He said the plan amounts to "good American jobs going elsewhere."

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Anderson Heinz, 9, and Jacob Patterson, 10, of the Granite City Steelers Squirts 9 through 11 hockey team stack some of the cans of food donated by their team for the Salvation Army.

Army

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"One of the things that has been a problem was a couple of different corporations kept us from ringing Nov. 14 when we started and wouldn't allow us to ring until Nov. 28," he said. "That cost us about \$15,000 that we made last year that we have to make up now. We're kind of fighting to make up for what we lost."

"In some cases it's corporate decisions, in one case it was a district manager's decision. It could be the case where the Salvation Army is not their charity of choice."

He said they were now manning as many of the 32 sites as they can, but finding bell ringers, especially volunteers, is also a problem.

"Especially as soon as the cold weather rolls around," Colip said. "This is a fun job at 50 degrees, it's not a fun job at 20 — even 30 degrees with rain, it gets to be real nippy out there."

He said they were especially interested in volunteer groups. "The nice part about groups is they know so many people in the community, take the Optimist Club, they were out last Saturday and rang for

us," Colip said. "They know so many people, so people don't get by them and they challenge them to fill the kettle."

Colip said the Christmas fund raising was very important, and not just during the holiday season.

"The needs are there 12 months a year," he said. "We're seen now and we do a lot now, but we do a lot all year long, and this money is not just raised to provide Christmas presents and a Christmas food basket, it also makes up about two-thirds of our budget for the rest of this year."

He also said operations like the Salvation Army are becoming more important.

"We're that safety net, and if we're not there nobody else is," he said. "It's the same with Protestant Welfare or Catholic Charities. We're at the bottom of the food chain,

there is no place to go after us except homelessness."

Last year the Salvation Army helped approximately 1,250 families during Christmas.

This year, Colip said the numbers were down slightly, but they were expecting a rush of applications for assistance this week.

One of the reasons for the decrease is tighter standards. He said they also coordinate with Protestant Welfare and other groups to make sure nobody is left out of the system.

"There are people who use the system, we understand that," he said. "We feel that as part of the stewardship of the money people give to us, they expect us to do that. They expect us to make sure we are not giving the same person three baskets."

We tell them when they come in (that) if they are



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Steve Isenburg, Granite City Elks Lodge Bingo organizer, presents Captain Martin Colip, and advisory board member Kay Rollins of the Salvation Army with \$500 for the Tree of Lights.

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are in liability insurance and funding for the Venice Public Library.

Nighohossian said there will be about a \$100,000 decrease in the amount needed for the city's special tax levy for liability insurance.

That amount was reduced from \$150,000 to \$50,000.

He also said the city is expecting to provide approximately \$184,450 in funding for the library, which recently went on-line and is planning to expand services.

Most of that funding is expected to come from grants.

In other business, Alderman Victor Valentine questioned why the city was never officially informed about a chemical spill at the Union Electric plant.

The company recently agreed to pay a \$5,000 fine and spend almost \$25,000 in environmental projects because after being cited by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for failure to immediately report the spill to the National Response Center.

On March 2, 1995, 73,400 pounds of sulfuric acid was accidentally released when a stop valve was left open and the liquid drained into a wastewater retention pond.

The acid was quickly neutralized by workers.

Valentine said the city was never notified about the spill, and he found out about it by reading about the settlement in the newspaper.

Judge grants restraining order

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A federal judge has granted a preliminary injunction on Trustee Randy Presswood's status on the Pontoon Beach Village Board.

U.S. District Judge William D. Stiehl Friday issued his ruling that means the village cannot remove or replace Presswood, or keep him from voting or acting on the board.

Stiehl heard testimony from Presswood and Mayor Glenn Wilson in a hearing Monday at the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis.

Presswood's attorney Ron

Motil had filed a three-count civil suit against the village on Nov. 25. In addition to the restraining order, the suit alleges Presswood's civil rights have been violated by the village.

He is seeking in excess of \$50,000 for compensatory and punitive damages. Stiehl heard only technical testimony Monday, and nothing on damages.

Presswood claims that the legal action against him by the village was never approved by the board.

Although Wilson said he supported Presswood's removal, he said he had nothing to do with the action.

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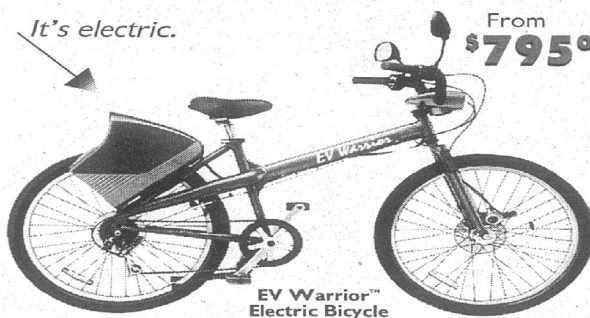
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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Johnson

KENNETH "VERNON" JOHNSON, 77, formerly of Granite City, died Nov. 23, 1997 at St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. Johnson was retired as an anesthesiologist at St. Mary Medical Center. He was a former member of First Baptist Church in Granite City and a graduate of the Granite City School District. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War in the U.S. Medical Corps.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Johnson of Long Beach, Calif., whom he married in 1944; a son, Kim Alan; a daughter, Valerie Hanner; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lelia (Watson) Johnson.

Services were Friday, Nov. 28 at Lakewood Community Church, 4919 Centralia in Long Beach.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Deacon's Fund at Lakewood Village Community Church or to the St. Mary Medical Center Foundation, 1050 Linden Ave., Long Beach, CA 90806.

James Williams

JAMES WILLIAMS, 33, of La Crosse, Wis., formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Dec. 10. He was born at Scott Air Force Base.

Mr. Williams was employed by ORC Industries as a laborer. He was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his parents, James Williams of Granite City and Mildred (Norman) Nicholls Buskirk of Glen Carbon; one son, James Ronald Williams Buskirk of Glen Carbon; three sisters, Geneva Watkins and Patty Hansen, both of Granite City, and Debbie Williams of La Crosse, Wis.; and his grandmother, Rose Williams of Mitchell.

Visitation for family is from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Nidringhaus Ave. in Granite City. Visitation for friends is from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mercer. Burial will be at Sunset Hills in Edwardsville.

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Betty Perry

BETTY PERRY, 104, of Madison died Sunday, Nov. 30 at the Royal Heights Nursing Home in Belleville.

She was a native of Earl, Ark. Survivors include her step-granddaughter and other relatives, and friends at Royal Heights Nursing Home.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 9 at Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel with the Rev. Joseph Mukes officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Marie Woods-Williams

MARIE (REE) WOODS-WILLIAMS, 85, of Madison died Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997 in Madison. She was a native of Cherry, Tenn.

Survivors include seven children, Ernestine Dixon, Ollie M. Dixon and Clarence Williams of Madison, Albert Williams, Jimmie Williams, Mildred Wright of California and Brenda Anderson of New York; a brother, James Woods of Carbonate; a sister, Easter Anderson of Gary, Ind.; 25 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Greater Liberty Church of God in Christ in East St. Louis with the Rev. Ollie Eanes officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt. Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel.

Robert Lindsey

ROBERT W. LINDSEY, 86, died Dec. 12, 1997. He was born Jan. 31, 1911.

Mr. Lindsey worked in the maintenance department at American Steel for 34 years before retiring in 1975. He was a member of Central Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Jewell C. Lindsey; two sons, M. David Lindsey of Rehersburg, Pa., and Robert

Lindsey of Beaufort, Mo.; two daughters, Joyce Lindsey of Tannerville, Pa., and Kimberly Oiler of Lewisberry, Pa.; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Blanche (Worthen) Lindsey.

Services are Tuesday, Dec. 16 at Central Assembly of God, 1300 Eaton Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. with the Rev. Stephen A. Roser officiating. Burial will be at Nisky Hill Cemetery in Bethlehem. Memorials may be made to Central Assembly of God.

Loretta Burnett

LORETTA M. (WILLIAMS) BURNETT, 80, of Granite City, died at 11:27 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at her residence. She was born Sept. 3, 1917, in Dent County, Mo., to Alva and Lona Myrtle (Ard) Williams.

She was a seamstress and a member of the First Church of the Nazarene Church.

Survivors include four sisters, Vivian Starnes of Granite City, Shirley Warren and Stella Green, both of Phoenix, Ariz., Irene Bertels of Granite City; and one brother, Fred Willard.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Lawrence Burnett in 1987, and two brothers, Clyde and Raymond Williams.

Two visitations were scheduled. The local one was Saturday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Another is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. today, Sunday, at the Rekus Funeral Home in Beria, Mo.

Funeral services are Monday, Dec. 15, at Rekus Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Tusculum, Mo.

Arthur Karrer

ARTHUR S. KARRER, 81, of Louisville, Ky., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 1997, at the Mountain View Nursing Center in Louisville after a one-year illness. He was born Dec. 8, 1915, in Granite City.

Mr. Karrer had retired from General Electric Appliances Park in Louisville where he had worked as a ceramic engineer.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby (Kram) Karrer who he married June 1, 1941, in St. Louis; a son, Michael Karrer of Louisville; a daughter, Kathleen Gross of Carlisle, Ohio; a sister, Olga Koenig of Granite City; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Anna (Gollige) Karrer; and two brothers, Otto and George Karrer.

Services were Thursday, Dec. 11 in Louisville.

Memorials to Bethel-St. Paul's

United Church of Christ, 4004 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, 40207, or to the Louisville Hospice.

David Davis

DAVID HENRY DAVIS, 66, of Granite City died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1997, in Madison. He was born March 3, 1931, in Piedmont, Mo.

Mr. Davis was a driver with Best Med Car. He was an Army veteran and served in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Calvary Pentecostal Assembly and formerly retired from Granite City Steel.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou (Seger) Davis; his mother, Jewell Kezelle; five sons, Anthony and Mark Wingerter and Terry and Paul McIntyre, all of Granite City, and Dennis Wingerter of Washington; and four daughters, Jackie Thomas, Becky Hutchins and Debbie Traxler, all of Granite City, and Connie Clevenger of Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Nathaniel Davis.

Services were Friday, Dec. 12, at Calvary Pentecostal Assembly with the Rev. Mark Maynard officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.



Staff photo by CHERYL MOODY

Grounds maintenance men John Williams, left, and Rich Hacker corral the sheep for the Way of Lights display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

Lights

(Continued from Page 1A) The Fantasy of Lights display opened just after dusk on Nov. 30. It continues through Dec. 28. Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is \$5 per car or van and \$1 per person for groups of 10 or more.

Residents from the neighborhood and throughout the St. Louis area are driving through the display.

"They're seeing south St. Louis in a positive way," Karel said.

Kiwanis Club officials contacted Karel in late summer

about putting on a display in the park. Karel did not need much convincing that the Fantasy of Lights would be a good idea.

"We'd been looking into something like this (a Christmas lighting display) for a long time," Karel said.

In the past, the park has been decorated with some lights, wreaths and other ornaments. Simple, nothing fancy.

"It was nice, but it was modest," Karel said. "The cost of doing something like the light display made it prohibitive."

Thanks to great planning

more than a century ago, Tower Grove Park offers a great stage for a Christmas lighting display, Karel said.

With everything in the park, with the fountains and trees and statues, you had a built-in display," he said. "We didn't have to add a lot. Henry Shaw did it in the 1870s. The park's unique topography makes the display even more attractive."

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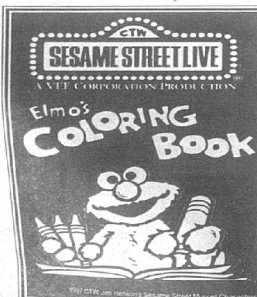


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Ozzie

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Malcolm Briggs is a great asset to the team, Wortham said, because of his wide range of contacts and experience with publicity. Sabie Productions can do video work for the team.

Briggs will also be at Winners Circle on Monday.

Also present will be an up-and-coming member of the racing team, Justin Via, 17, from Marion, Ill., who has a good chance to race in the silver crown, and drives in the outlay sprint car division. A sprint car will also be on display.

The newest addition to the team will be well-known driver Toby Porter, his name released here for the first time.

Porter, 21, will be driving Ford trucks for Wizard Motorsports. The team's first race is the Craftsman Supertruck Series in Orlando, Fla. on Jan. 17.

"Toby will be going for Rookie of the Year," Wortham said. "He qualified fourth in

Orlando last year."

The team plans to run five Winston Cup races in 1998 and plans to run full-time in Winston Cup and Supertruck in '99. Their shop — where they'll be based — is in Mooresville, N.C. Wizard Motorsports' major sponsor will be made public this week, although Wortham did say it will be a local, St. Louis-based sponsor.

Racecar sponsors are necessary because racing full-time in the Craftsman series will cost the team \$2.5 million.

"We will be running in the Supertruck series (in Madison) in September," he said.

Born and raised in Granite City, Wortham said he went to his first race — at Tri City Speedway — when he was 2. He's been hooked ever since.

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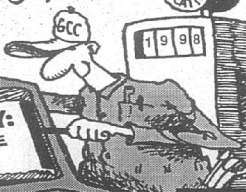
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Personal questions help form long-range strategy



Jeff Prosser

Developing a successful, long-term relationship with a broker means finding someone you can trust and feel comfortable with. But before you can feel comfortable with someone else, you first must know yourself. Here are a few questions to think about before you look for an investment professional:

Where do you want to be 10, 15 or 20 years from now? This helps you focus on long-term goals rather than short-term results. For example, if your long-term investment goal is a comfortable retirement, make that come alive by picturing yourself in your ideal retirement setting.

What kind of income will you need to enjoy this dream? Now you have a tangible goal on which to put a price tag.

Where are you today? This is a starting point. Inventory your assets. Properly invested, they will grow enough to pay for your dream? Reasonably project what the value of your current assets will be when you plan to use them. If that comes up short, determine

what will be required to meet those future needs.

What kind of risks are you prepared to take? Don't answer too quickly. Many people confuse risk with profit. They think you don't make money if you don't take a few chances.

One way to view risk objectively is to ask yourself what has been your most successful investment over the years. What has been your worst? Consider these two, and evaluate the risks of each.

Be honest. Don't consider a hot day at the casino or a few bucks made on a high-flying stock a successful investment. Look at those investments, no

matter how dull, that have made you financially stronger.

Answering the risk question also helps identify your view of success. One person may consider a conservative 4 percent to 5 percent annual return successful as long as the investment remains stable. Another aims for a more ambitious 10 percent to 12 percent, knowing that principal fluctuates over time. Fairly identify your expectations and your tolerance for risk.

What do you expect of your financial professional? Some investors want to pay their broker a fee, others prefer a commission. How you choose to pay your broker is unimportant as long as he or she does the job to your satisfaction.

Your investment representative's more important responsibility is seeing that your objectives are met. That's why it's so vital for you to have those objectives well thought out before you begin working with a financial professional. Both you and your broker should understand and agree on investing fundamentals such as objectives, risk, time, types of investment and more. A good professional always will honor these objectives.

You should be able to trust your financial professional as you would your minister, physician or attorney. Establishing your goals and expectations, and communicating them clearly, will make it easier for you to trust your broker to carry them out.

(Jeff Prosser is a financial consultant with Edward Jones in Granite City.)



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Nursing scholarship

Belleville Area College students Betty Wineburner, standing left, Jennifer Miller, standing middle, and Kathleen Rodenborn, seated left, are the 1997-98 recipients of the Leo and Pat Konzen Nursing Scholarships, awarded through the BAC Foundation. Also pictured are Leo and Pat Konzen, who established the scholarship for full-time nursing students in the Tri-Cities area.

Company to continue Du Quoin farm show

Farm Progress Companies will continue a farm show on the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds beginning in August in conjunction with the Du Quoin State Fair.

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its and parking. More than 200 exhibitors will present and implement dealers feed, seed and fertilizer distributors, and other businesses which serve the agricultural industry are expected to exhibit at the three day event.

Farm Progress Companies produces the world's largest farm shows in locations includ-

ing Texas, New York and Nebraska, as well as the Farm Progress Show, which rotates annually among Illinois, Indiana and Iowa.

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Sustaining presents puzzling questions

Just what is sustainable agriculture?

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- a) developing non-food products;
- b) using soil and water to grow crops in an environmentally sound manner;
- c) dealing with animal waste in ways that won't irritate your neighbors;
- d) spending more money on research.

If you answered "All of the above," go to the head of the class, says Oval Myers Jr., plant breeder, grain farmer and professor of plant and soil science at Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus.

"Sustainable agriculture is an ecosystem that balances livestock, crops, soil, water and people in environmentally friendly, economically viable ways," he says. "A productive, healthy system can adapt to meet current and future challenges."

A lot of agriculture majors have picked up bits and pieces of the concept — planting without tilling, for example, or cutting down on weedkiller use — but few understand how the parts work together in an interrelated whole. The Illinois Department of Agriculture agreed. In January, it gave Myers a little more than \$5,000 through the state's new Conservation 2000 program to begin developing a semester-long class on sustainable agriculture for junior and senior college students. It likely will pump an additional \$5,000 into the course over the next two years.

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Searching for trees at Eckert's in Belleville are Granite City residents Randy, Kathy and Alexander Hartline.

Chop

(Continued from Page 1A)
Eckert's in Belleville this year to choose and cut another Christmas tree.

And the Peck family from Belleville already has their tree cut down and ready to put up.

"We always go to Eckert's on opening day after the Santa Claus parade to cut down our tree," Patty Peck said. Unlike the Bolens, the Pecks have been cutting their own tree since Eckert's first offered cut-your-own services.

Peck said her 7-year-old son, Cory Peck, always looks forward to the family tradition. "My little boy carries the saw and he carries the tag to tag the tree," Peck said. "He hands his dad the saw and we get to yell 'timber' when the tree falls."

Peck said the family usually cuts down around a 7-foot tree. Peck thinks it's more economical to cut down a tree that size

than purchase one already cut. "Fake trees are out of the question," Peck said.

"Because they're exactly that — fake."

After the holiday season, people are encouraged to drop off their live trees in designated areas, where the trees are

used for mulch in city parks. The Belleville Parks and Recreation Department also gives

trees to surrounding communities to be used as fish habitats in lakes.

Watch where trees can be dropped off at in future editions of the Suburban Journal.

Many tree types to choose from

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

There are several different kinds of trees to choose from when shopping for a real Christmas tree.

The following are types of trees and their characteristics:

SCOTCH PINE: Marlene Harsen from Lost Acres Tree Farm in Lebanon said this tree is an all-time favorite for Christmas. She described the tree as having short needles and stiff branches, making it capable of holding heavy ornaments.

"People like it for its durability," Harsen said.

She added that the tree should be shaken well outside

before being decorated in the house. The scotch pine is grown locally.

WHITE PINE: Harsen said this tree is a soft pine with beautiful, long needles. She said it has light weight flowing branches and won't hold heavy ornaments. She added that it doesn't get sticky like the Scotch Pine.

"The white pine is very popular this year. People are hanging small lights, ribbons or flowers on these trees," Harsen said.

The white pine is grown locally.

DOUGLAS FIR: Harsen said the Douglas Fir is a light weight tree with very small needles that has a fragrant smell similar to tangerines. She added that the tree has become very popular in recent years. This tree can be grown locally.

FRASER FIR: A dark green tree with firm branches and non-sticky needles. Harsen said the branches and needles are thicker and heavier than the

douglas fir. This tree has more open spaces to hang larger ornaments. She added that the smell of the fraser fir reminds you of an old-fashioned Christmas. These trees are shipped here from growers in other states like Michigan and North Carolina.

CONCOLOR: A new tree available this year. Harsen said the concolor is a fir tree with a light smoky green color. It has heavy branches and thick needles like a fraser fir. Harsen said 2-year-old trees are planted at the Lost Acres Tree Farm.

"It's six years before they are ready to sell," Harsen said. "They grow roughly one foot a year, after the third year."

She added that the rate of growth is determined by the amount of rain we get over the summer. The drier the summer, the less growth there is. Harsen said that sometimes trees may grow as little as two inches, depending on the amount of rain received.

Places to cut

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• Keep the tree stand full of water at all times. Add four tablespoons of bleach to a gallon of water. The mixture helps to keep the water bacteria low; keeps the pores open; and prevents sap from sealing the bottom of the trunk.

• To help keep the house clean, place a tree bag under the tree and tree stand before setting the tree up.

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Illini women are the team to keep eye on

By now, you should have digested unlimited numbers related to the University of Illinois 57-51 loss to Saint Louis University in the "Duel in the Dome" men's college basketball game in St. Louis.

Regardless of your favorite team, the attendance total of 32,429 at the Trans World Dome may be as important as any number.

However, when it comes to basketball and Illinois, I've found numbers and much worthy of recognition in the women's basketball program.

While being ranked eighth nationally, the Illini women recently earned coach Theresa Greutz her 500th collegiate victory. More importantly, the Illini continue to justify the Glenolden, Pa., native's salary, which is over the \$100,000 mark.

Not only did she lead the Illini to its first ever Big Ten women's title last season but also the school's first appearance in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

On a campus where football was dismal in 1997, women's basketball has enlivened the Champaign area.

"We're going to win a national championship," Belleville native Kirk Bedwell told me recently.

A Champaign resident and holder of two Illini women's basketball season tickets, Bedwell follows the action in the Huff Gymnasium where crowds of 4,000 or more are not unusual.

In addition to a 24-8 record a season ago, the Illini women were 12-0 at Huff and attracted so much interest Bedwell and other fans were part of a Big Ten-record crowd of 16,020 last Feb. 23 when the Illini defeated Purdue in the Assembly Hall for the league crown.

The single-game attendance helped raise Illinois' average attendance to 4,023 considerably higher than the 633 average of the 1995-96 season when the Illini were 13-15 in Greutz' first season in Champaign.

Overtime
Of the 16 players on the roster, the Illini feature 11 players from the state of Illinois.

Said Greutz, Big Ten Coach of the Year last season, "If I were a high school player in the state of Illinois, I would be absolutely thrilled to know that our state university was playing opponents with the caliber of Old Dominion, Tennessee, Colorado and Stanford."

Rim shot
Dorothy Gaters, in her 23rd season as coach of the Chicago Marshall girls basketball team, recently gained her 600th coaching victory. No other coach in Illinois has even 500 girls victories or won as many titles (six) or been in as many state final games (nine) as Gaters.

She entered the current season with a 597-0 record. Her first state crown came in 1982, when Marshall defeated Lincoln of East St. Louis, led by Tina Hutchinson, 57-49.

Footnote
Congratulations to 6-foot-4, 270-pound senior Perry Cox of Belleville East, who was named to the Champaign News-Gazette all-state football team as a defensive lineman.

Redbirds gain revenge vs. Warriors

By R.J. Gerber
Staff writer

This time, the perimeter was friendly territory for the Alton Redbirds.

Alton averaged its lone loss of the season Friday night by busting loose early from the outside in a 67-45 triumph against Granite City at West Middle School Gymnasium in Alton.

The Redbirds (6-1) made four of their first five 3-point attempts and drained seven from beyond the arc for the game in their Southwestern Conference opener.

Senior Jake Harmon led all players with a career-best 24 points for the Redbirds, who dropped a 57-44 verdict to the Warriors (5-3, 0-2 SWC) last month. Granite City was without 6-foot-5 senior Dustin Brewer, sidelined with a wrist injury suffered Wednesday in practice.

"It takes away a great presence for them inside," Alton coach Ron Smith said. "It's hard to say what he could

Harmon pours in 24 for Alton

have done. He couldn't have done much more for them in the first half."

The Redbirds built a nine-point lead less than four minutes into the contest, but Granite City trimmed it to 26-25 by halftime. Sophomore point guard Zack May, who tallied 19 points, scored 14 before the break. Four of his five 3-pointers also were prior to the intermission.

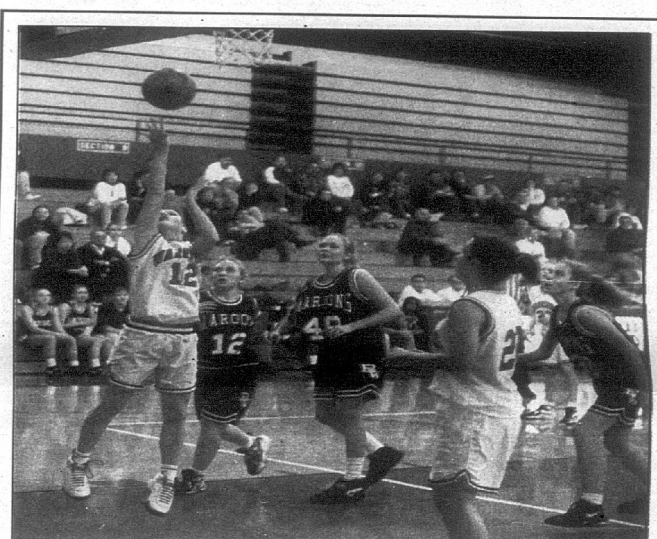
"I had to do a lot more," May said. "Without Brewer, and him putting a lot

of points on the board, I had to. He's a really big part of this team."

May's bucket to open the second half gave Granite City its only lead before Alton took command. An 11-2 spurt to finish the third quarter gave Alton a 46-32 advantage heading into the final eight minutes.

Harmon, a 6-2 swingman, heated up in the third quarter by scoring half the Redbirds' 20 points. Two of his four 3-pointers came along the baseline in the decisive stretch, which included two turnovers and four missed shots by the Warriors.

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Up and in — Granite City's Jan Shannafelt (12) converts a layup during Tuesday night's game against Belleville West as teammate Jessica Wallace (20) watches. The Warriors lost the game.

100 GCHS win streak reaches milestone

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The century has arrived. The millennium awaits. The Granite City Warriors wrestling team dismantled Bethalto Civic Memorial 59-7 Thursday night, claiming the program's 100th consecutive regular season dual meet win and pulling within 16 of an unprecedented 100 all-time high school wrestling victories.

"To reach the level of 100 straight wins is a tremendous accomplishment for these kids, and for those who preceded them," said GCHS coach Mike Garland. "It is a tremendous thing for this program."

The night started on a down note, as Shawn Dannenbrink crushed Granite City's Richie Carney 9-0 in a 105-pound match dominated from the opening whistle by the Eagles grappler. The win gave Civic Memorial a quick 4-0 lead, and represented only one of two highlights for the Eagles on the evening.

Granite City's Chad Wilson picked up three points at 112 pounds, edging Leo Narens 4-1.

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And when the Warriors' Adam Dunnivant (119 pounds) pinned Nathan Hammons at 1:59 and Ben Lofink won by fall over Sam Shetley in 1:40, GCHS had a 15-4 advantage.

In the most intense match of the night, Granite City's John Kelly battled CM standout Steve Bryant at 130 pounds. The pair went scoreless through the first 5½ minutes of the match, when a Bryant escape provided the Eagles star a 1-0 win.

It was all Granite City from there.

Matt Werner (135) dominated Cohl Lane 11-0, Ryan Worthen (140) won by fall in 1:51, and Brooks Narvaez (145) pinned Sean Phillips in 2:44 to put the Warriors well in front at 31-7.

Jonas Janek (152) and Ike Newman (160) both won light contests. Janek out-duelled Tim Walker 6-4 while Newman won

(See WRESTLING, Page 3B)

Edwardsville posts victory in Shootout appearance Tigers win thriller vs. Ladue

By Greg Shashack
Staff writer

BOYS BASKETBALL 17TH ANNUAL COCA-COLA/KMOX SHOOTOUT EDWARDSVILLE 64, LADUE 61

Edwardsville's coach claims it was a result of player improvisation. Edwardsville's players claim it was a result of coaching design.

The coach of Ladue knew nothing other than it gave the Edwardsville Tigers a 64-61 victory over his Ladue Rams in the second of the Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout's 10 games Thursday at Kiel Center.

"I don't know what they do out of bounds," Rams coach Todd Basler said. "But whatever it is, it's very good. They're very well coached."

Mark Allaria's three-point play off an inbound pass from Derek Cowan with 1.2 seconds left in the game broke a 61-61 tie and ran the Tigers' record to 2-0. Ladue fell to 2-2.

After the Rams had rallied from a nine-point deficit (60-51) with 2:56 left to tie the game on a 3-pointer by Mike Lange with 8 seconds left, Edwardsville had the ball out of bounds on the baseline just inside the 3-point arc with 2.7 seconds remaining.

Cowan found Allaria, darting along the baseline from the far side, under the basket for a reverse layup and foul. "That's a bad place to throw it in way over there on the side," Edwardsville coach Mike Waldo said. "I think that was just a good, smart play by Cowan to pass and our guys to get open. They're athletic kids who want to win and they just got open. (The coaches) can't

take credit for that one."

But Cowan and Allaria indicated otherwise, saying it was a set play designed for an inbound pass from that spot on the floor.

"We've been working real hard on those kinds of plays and it was good to get to use one," said the 6-foot-5 Cowan, who scored 10 points and dished out a game-high seven assists. "We don't get to use it that often, but it's one we work on in practice almost every day."

Allaria said, "We worked on that play a little last year too, but never got to use it. Derek made a good pass and I just put it in."

That play — and 16 of 19 shooting from the free-throw line — bailed the Tigers out of something of a self-inflicted jam. Three Tigers turnovers in the final three minutes gave Ladue an opening, and the Rams answered with two 3-pointers to close a nine-point gap.

But the Tigers, with 6-foot-7 senior Jon Harris dominating play with 27 points and 13 rebounds, held on for a Shootout victory.



Belleville East senior Jessica Jackson (52) looks over the top of Rosary's Lori Chase during the opening game of the 17th annual Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout Thursday at Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis.

community and administration to let us in. Ladue, I thought, was very, very good. Very athletic."

The Rams' quickness and pressure defense forced a 17-5

turnover advantage, but the Tigers answered by shooting 53 percent (23 of 43) from the field, while limiting the Rams to 36 percent (24 of 67).

"They shot the basketball



LOCAL RESULTS GIRLS

Rosary 49, Belleville East 30. Leah Frierson scored 11 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Lancers, who were outscored 23-12 in the second half.

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Edwardsville 64, Ladue 61. (Mark Allaria's layup and free throw with 1.2 seconds remaining lifted the Tigers. Allaria finished with 13 points. Jon Harris scored 27 and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds for EHS.)
Gibault 62, Concord (N.H.) Bishop Brady 50. (Gibault's Chris Braun scored 25 points and the Hawks pulled away from a 30-30 halftime tie with the defending N.H. state champs.)

extremely well," said Basler, whose team was coming off a last-second, two-point loss to a Lafayette team that routed

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SPORTS

Locals among inductees to IBCA Hall

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Bud Vallino and Ed Hightower are among 66 individuals and seven teams inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The IBCA will induct 20 players, including Vallino; nine coaches; 11 officials, including Hightower; 20 friends of basketball; five news media personnel; and seven teams, including the 1987 Venice squad, into its Hall of Fame at Illinois State University on April 25.

Vallino enters his fifth season as head coach of the Edwardsville girls basketball team. He was a member

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of the EHS varsity boys basketball team from 1957-60. He is among the top 20 career scoring leaders with 882 points. He later played college basketball at Central Missouri State, where he is a member of that school's Hall of Fame.

Vallino will join players Mitchell Anderson (Chicago Metro High), Mark Anglarav (LaSalle-Peru), Brad Bickell (Ohio), Kevin Bontemps (Morton), Tim Bryant (Bontemps), Diddy (Chicago King), Hugh Freed (Lexington), Rich Gross (Sheldon), Lowell Hamilton (Providence St. Mel), Fred Hardman (Lexington), Rick Herdes (Noble), Rick Hiescher (New Trier), Reed Jackson (Norris

City), John Patterson (Williamsville), Roger Phegley (East Peoria), Tony Reeder (St. Joseph), Chris Simich (Joliet La Grange), Daryl Thomas (St. Joseph) and Thomas Wyatt (East Aurora).

Hightower, the superintendent of Edwardsville schools, is the most prominent of the inductees this year.

Hightower is one of the top college players in the country. He has officiated in eight NCAA Men's Division I Final Fours. He also was voted the Naismith Division I College Basketball official of the year in 1992.

Joining Hightower in the officials category include Kurt Anderson (St. Charles), Rich Berton (Chicago), Dan Crawford (Naperville), Dick Dietz (McLeansboro), William John-

son (Chicago), Matt Laurich (Aurora), Larry Leitner (Pekin), Bert Leventhal (Chicago), Bill Spriggs (Kankakee) and Dave Tosh (Glenview).

The 1987 Venice team is being inducted for capturing the Class A state title. Coach Clinton Harris led the team to a 29-3 mark and topped Okawville 56-54 in the title game.

Jesse Hall and Vincent Harris were the two stars of the Venice team. Hall ended up going to Michigan State to play collegiate basketball. Other members of the team included Willard Wigfall, Daryl Jackson, Dale Turner and Daryl Buie.

Joining Venice in the teams category include the 1986, 1990 and 1993 Chicago King squads, Providence St. Mel (1985), Quincy (1979) and Teutopolis

(1979). Former Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville basketball coach Jim Dudley is among the nine coaches to be enshrined.

Current SIU-Carbondale basketball coach Rich Herrin and his brother Ron Herrin are the recipients of the Buzzy O'Connor Award given annually to the individual or individuals who have contributed in large to the game of basketball. Ron Herrin died earlier this year. He is the former executive secretary of the IBCA.

Tickets are \$20 per person for the event. For information call Chuck Rolinski, secretary and treasurer of the IBCA at (615) 452-2903.

Gibault wins, Lancers lose in Shootout

By Karen Vartanian,
Scott Marlow
and Pat Heston
Staff writer

Behind its vaulted front line, Gibault High eased past Concord (N.H.) Bishop Brady 62-50 Thursday in the 17th annual Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout at Kiel Center.

Center Chris Braun (6-foot-10, 220 pounds) paced the Hawks with 25 points, while forwards Keith Kipping (6-3, 200) and John Thomas (6-6, 205) added 14 and 6 points respectively.

"Offensively, we found we had a little bit of an advantage in the post," said Hawks coach Dennis Rueter, who evened his Shootout record at 1-1. "And we got some things done out there. We feel like game in, game out, obviously, we've got to get the ball into there and then didn't fight it too hard in the post getting it, then once we got it, they didn't make it easy to score."

"I think maybe they're probably used to being able to let the ball get into there and then body them and be physical enough and good enough athletes that they can still keep you from scoring. They did

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some of that to us tonight, but they couldn't do enough of it to win the basketball game, obviously."

Bishop Brady simply was overwhelmed by the Hawks' inside force.

"We don't see that height," said Green Giants coach Frank Monahan, whose club was playing its first game of the year after winning a state championship last season. "We don't see that size. They were smart. It was a nice team."

Lancers lose
The return of Jessica Jackson wasn't enough for the Belleville East girls as the Lancers lost 49-30 to Rosary on Thursday morning in the first game of the Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout at Kiel Center.

Jackson—who missed the first four games of the season due to disciplinary reasons—was limited to seven points, including only two after the first quarter.

"Today was her first game this year and she's a little

behind right now," said East coach Paul James. "She's out of sync with the other girls. The only kid she's played with before is (6-foot senior forward) Leah Frierson."

The loss dropped the Lancers to 2-3.

Rosary (5-0) returned all five starters and eight of its top nine players from last year's team, which was 30-2 and runner-up in Missouri Class 3A.

Both teams struggled offensively. East shot just 32 percent (12-of-41) from the field, while Rosary shot 41 percent (20-of-49) but hit only one of 10 shots from 3-point range.

"We have a couple freshmen and sophomores out there in their first year of varsity, and they're just trying to figure it out," James said. "Rosary is a very good team, and those veterans are hard to overcome."

They could have gotten ugly, but we held our own. The kids did a nice job. We had a couple hard spurs, but that happens to a young team."

Frierson led East with 11 points and 12 rebounds. Jessica Jackson added eight rebounds.

"The fact that we stopped Jessica Jackson was the difference in this game," Rosary

coach Ron Sanford said. "She's a great player. We like to score points, but defense wins games."

Other scores

In other games, Illinois teams were an even 3-3 on the day.

Centralia could never rebound from a disastrous 25-0 first quarter disadvantage, losing to Cape Coral (Fla.) Mariner 88-78. Lincoln ranked sixth in the preseason Illinois Class AA poll, took a 9-6 first quarter lead against Milwaukee

found themselves down by two at the half, and managed only three third quarter points in a 50-32 loss.

The most surprising loss for an Illinois team was Galesburg's. The third-ranked Streaks, with all-stars Rod Thompson and Joey Rod Thompson, lost to a chin against Lafayette, Missouri's top-ranked 44 school. More than the loss itself was the margin of defeat. The Streaks lost 64-42.

Nationally top-ranked Chicago's Whitney Young lived up to its billing by blasting Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Dillard



Chris Braun scored 25 points to lead the Gibault boys.

75-53 behind 23 points and 11 rebounds by All-American Quentin Richardson and an additional 21 points from Dennis Gates.

Oak Park Fenwick embarrassed Kansas City Pembroke Hill 65-50 behind All-American Cory Maggette's 19 points and 16 boards.

Taylorville's girls, powered by Allison Curtin's record-setting 33 points, pummeled St. Louis Gateway Tech 63-41.

Tourney featured regional balance

The 11th edition of the Tournament of Champions indoor youth soccer tournament at The Ball Park Sports Center in O'Fallon during the Thanksgiving holiday season turned out to be the most balanced in terms of champions from different cities.

Seven different cities were represented by first-place teams. Collinsville, Belleville and Fairview Heights each had two champions, while Troy, O'Fallon, Alton and Godfrey each had one.

The Collinsville winners were the Killers Bees, coached by John Crowder, in the 1984 boys division; and the Nova Stars SC, coached by Mike Martin, in the 1986-90 girls division.

The Crusaders Gold were one of the two Belleville winners, placing first in the 1984 boys division. They were coached by Mike Bishop and Gary Bement. Sonnenberg Asphalt, coached by Dave Horace, won the 1986-87 boys.

Fairview Heights was represented in the winners circle by the Killers Bees, coached by Charlie May, in the 1988-90 girls division; and St. Albert, coached by Jerry Warchol, in the 1986-90 boys division.

Jon Bruns was the coach for the winning Knights (Troy) team in the boys high school division.

Steve Judiceak coached the O'Fallon Rage to victory in the 1990-91 boys division.

Rick Gibson was the coach of the winning Killer Tomatoes (Alton) in the 1987-89 select boys division while Tom Schmidt coached the Godfrey Sharks to the title in the 1988-90 boys division.

Forty-one teams played 69 games in the seven days of the tournament, conducted Nov. 23-30. The Ball Park Sports Center, Troy Flooring Center, Downtown Imprints of St. Louis and the St. Louis Ambush were the major sponsors.

Tigers

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highly touted Galesburg 64-42 in Thursday's third game. "And we just didn't shoot the basketball well today. We had great looks, I thought."

Edwardsville broke to an 8-0 lead before Ladue scored with 3:58 left in

the first quarter. Six straight points from Harris and a 3-pointer by Covan gave the Tigers, who never trailed, their biggest lead at 27-15 midway through the second quarter.

"It's 8-0 before we can score," Basler said. "From that point, it just seemed like we were just fighting and scratching and clawing for everything

we could get."

Edwardsville had four play ers score in double figures, with 6-9 junior Dan Lytle scoring 10 points to join Harris (27), Covan (12), Lefebvre (13) and Chris LaRose added four points for the Tigers.

"I thought we did a very good job of delivering the ball to (Harris)," Waldo

said. "We were under heavy duress on the Edgewater and I thought our guys made very good post entry passes."

Jon-Pierre Mitchom, an NCAA Division I guard prospect, led Ladue with 20 points, while 6-8 Brad Webb finished with 18.

PREP/COLLEGE SPORTS STANDINGS

METRO EAST HOCKEY				Southwestern Conference				Westside			
Team	Conf	Overall	GP	Team	Conf	Overall	GP	Team	Conf	Overall	GP
Alton	3-0	4-0	30	Edwardsville	0-0	0-0	0	Marissa	0-0	0-0	0
Granite City	1-0	1-0	19	Collinsville	1-0	1-0	32	Freeburg	0-0	0-0	0
Collinsville	2-0	2-0	12	Belleville East	1-0	1-0	32				
Belleville West	2-1	3-1	14	Alton	0-0	0-0	31	Independents			
O'Fallon	0-1	1-1	8	Belleville West	0-0	0-0	30	Team	Overall		
Belleville East	0-1	1-1	13	Granite City	0-1	0-1	23	Roxana	2-0	2-0	10
Channahon	0-1	0-1	2	E. St. Louis	0-1	0-1	13	Venice	1-0	1-0	7
								Gibault	1-1	1-1	7
Northern Division				Mississippi Valley				Lincoln	1-1	1-1	7
Team	Conf	Overall	FF	Team	Conf	Overall	GP	Mater Dei	1-0	1-0	7
Roxana	2-0	3-0	15	Waterloo	1-0	1-0	42	ME Lutheran	0-0	0-0	2
Alton	1-0	1-1	9	Highland	0-0	0-0	19	West River	0-0	0-0	2
Plaza SW	0-0	0-1	0	Mascoutah	0-0	0-0	15	Madison	0-0	0-0	2
Marquette	0-0	0-1	0	Triad	0-0	0-0	12	Sharks	1-2	1-2	10
Edwardsville	0-1	0-2	4	Civic Memorial	0-0	0-0	1	Okawville	0-0	0-0	1
Civic Memorial	0-1	0-1	2	Jerryville	0-1	0-1	1	Alhambra	0-0	0-0	1
Wood River	0-1	0-1	1					Lovely	0-0	0-0	1
GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS				Cahokia				Men's College			
Southwestern Conference				Team	Conf	Overall	GP	Team	Overall		
Team	Conf	Overall	GP	Brescia C	1-0	1-0	7	BAC	7-1	7-1	24
Edwardsville	2-0	2-0	15	Red Bud	0-0	0-0	7	SIUE	2-3	2-3	6
Collinsville	1-0	1-0	9	Cahokia	0-0	0-0	4	Ferrisburgh	5-1	5-1	13
Granite City	0-0	0-0	0	Dupo	0-0	0-0	2	St. Andrew	12-3	12-3	23
Belleville East	0-1	0-1	1	New Athens	0-0	0-0	1	Illinois	6-3	6-3	18
Belleville West	0-1	0-1	1	Lebanon	0-0	0-0	1				
O'Fallon	0-1	0-1	1								
Belleville East	0-1	0-1	1								
Channahon	0-1	0-1	1								

BOYS HOOPS STANDINGS

Week of Nov. 24 Men's High Series				Week of Nov. 17 Men's High Games			
Gene Aubrey	751	Joe Legendre	734	Steve Suss	300	John Stauch Jr.	279
Jerry Kimberlin	740	Robert Blidderback	734	Jerry Kimberlin	280	Jim Clark	279
Charlie Hale	747	Carl Gause	730	Gary Carter	280	Dutch Miller	279
Bob Wilbur	742	Brent Hartman	708	Tom Pasparis	269	Gene Aubrey	269
Jim Fitzgerald	740	Gregg Boyer	697	Terry Outland	269	Jeff Brown	269
Robert Blidderback	734	Steve Suss	300	Jeff Brown	269	Robert Blidderback	269
Carl Gause	730	Jerry Kimberlin	280				
Brent Hartman	708	Gary Carter	280	Week of Nov. 24 Women's High Series			
Gregg Boyer	697	Bob Wilbur	279	Mary Ruth Hunter	711	Jan Smith	656
		John Stauch Jr.	279	Jan Smith	656	Gail Smith	656
		Jim Clark	279	Karen Gambichler	641	Lisa May	608
		Dutch Miller	279	Lisa May	608	Gail Smith	656
		Gene Aubrey	269	Tom Pasparis	269	Debbie Cunningham	585
		Terry Outland	269	Debbie Cunningham	585	Norma Schmidt	585
		Jeff Brown	269	Norma Schmidt	585	Julie Cooper	585
		Robert Blidderback	269	Julie Cooper	585		
				Week of Nov. 17 Women's High Scores			
				Mary Ruth Hunter	264	Lee Ann Barger	248
				Lee Ann Barger	248	Gail Smith	243
				Gail Smith	243	Ruth Rose	243
				Ruth Rose	243	Brigitte Brandon	238
				Brigitte Brandon	238		

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Sarah Legendre releases a shot in bowling action at Camelot Bowl.



CAMELOT BOWL RESULTS

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Lisa May	236						Week of Nov. 24
Kathy Novario	234						High School Series
Karen Gambichler	233	Alan Catlett	630				
Anne Timmons	233	Matt Briggs	598				
Vicki Kowers	233	Laura Miller	520				
Irene Kroetz	227	Kristin McCuen	508				
Missy Welch	227						Week of Nov. 24
							High School Games
Week of Nov. 24							
Senior High Series							
Henry Menendez	669	Alan Catlett	234				
Rich Klein	661	Chris Freeman	213				
Bob Emery	610	Karen Hipp	202				
Adolph Kaufman	593	Deanne Trost	198				
Flo Malone	559						
Adelle Adignola	553						Week of Nov. 24
Barbara Klein	473						Junior High Series
		Aaron Dellamano	488				
		Heather Clancy	440				
		Ryan Lindsey	426				
		Amanda Touchette	407				
Week of Nov. 24							
Senior High Games							
Henry Menendez	268	Ryan Lindsey	170				
Rich Klein	240	Aaron Dellamano	170				
Adolph Kaufman	234	Heather Clancy	167				
Jay Brannon	234	Heather Clancy	163				
Frank Halvaks	234	Rachel Spiker	153				
Bob Emery	229						
Letha Paton	192						Week of Nov. 24
Edna Weaver	180						Bumpers High Series (two games)
Adelle Adignola	175	Morgan Alexander	205				
		Jessica Jacobs	188				
		Tyler Wait	174				
Week of Nov. 17							
Senior High Series							
Jim Malone	650						Week of Nov. 24
Leo Zak	623						Bumpers High Games
Joe Mariz	623	Morgan Alexander	119				
Larry Keibel	610	Jacob Adams	109				
Chester Brammiller	575	Jessica Adams	108				
Gloria Chapman	559	Brittany Sova	56				
Virginia Lynch	530	Adam King	53				
Marge Preston	510	Tyler Wait	93				
Betty Baranica	471						
Week of Nov. 17							
Senior High Games							
Jim Malone	238						Week of Nov. 24
Ralph Bohnenstiel	227						Friday A High Series (2 games)
Larry Keibel	224	Kyle Murphy	341				
Luc Viviano	214	Bobby Nordyke	307				
Gloria Chapman	199	Dawn Dunkerley	270				
Camilla Mason	192	Ashley Valerio	270				
Virginia Lynch	192						Week of Nov. 24
Janelle Crowe	179						Friday A High Games
		Kyle Murphy	191				
		Bobby Nordyke	177				
		Dawn Dunkerley	155				
		Jackie Bean	151				

SPORTS

•Wrestling

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5-2 over Shawn Bryant. George Kirgan (171) then pinned Bland in 4:59 and Kevin Venne (188) won by fall over Rick Huebner in 1:01, vaulting GCHS into an insurmountable 49-7 lead.

Bobby Grammer (215) was too much for Kyle Arakaki, claiming a 5-0 win, and Mike Derossett (275) won by fall over Matt Davis in 1:13.

It was Derossett's first victory win. "I felt great," said the heavyweight who wrestled in place of an ill David Crouch. "Davis was tough. He's a pretty good wrestler. It was great to be able to win like I did."

Though Garland still has some early season concerns, he likes what he is seeing in his ever-improving matmen.

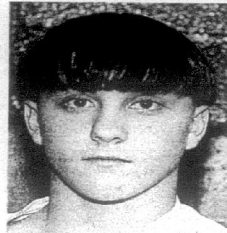
"We're getting into a routine of working out three or four days, having a match, working out three or four days, having a match, and that's a big help," Garland said. "When you wrestle, then wait seven or eight days, wrestle again, then wait seven or eight days, it's hard to be consistent, let alone improve. A routine makes a big difference. Now that we're

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—Mike Garland
GCHS coach

in one, it's helping us a lot." The Warriors traveled to Springfield Lanphier on Friday to take on the host school and Champaign Centennial. They host Belleville West at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18.

"We've got a tough Southwestern Conference match with Belleville West coming up that might well determine who the Southwestern Conference champion is going to be," said Garland. "If West has every-



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City wrestlers blasted Civic Memorial last week from the program's 100th straight regular season dual meet victory. Posting individual victories — and showing the Warriors' strength at both ends of the weight class spectrum — were 119-pounder Adam Dunnivant (left) and 189-pounder Kevin Dunne (right).

one healthy, everyone wrestling, it could be a heck of a match for us.

"But our wrestlers are picking up their intensity. I've told them that February is kind of far away. You can't wait until February almost gets here to

pick up your intensity. You have to keep that intensity up all the time. Every match has to have that intensity up all the time. Every match has to be mentally a state tournament match. It seems like they're responding."

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by fall at 1:58 against Jeff Hair at 189 pounds.

Also on Thursday, the junior varsity Warriors easily defeated Civic Memorial, 55-12. Mike Hagnauer (112), Gary Campbell (125), Don Robinson (135) and Justin Morton (145) all won by forfeit, while the Warriors forfeited at 119 pounds.

Three Granite grapplers won by fall. Kevin Buckingham (140) pinned Jason Welch at 53. Ken Cuvier (171) pinned Mike Moore at 1:01 and Jake Trijan (103) pinned Jamie Huebner at 2:23.

Both Kevin Buckingham (140) and Bill Carpenter (275) were pinned by their opponents. Don Watson (130) lost a heart-breaking 2-1 decision to Jason Linker, while Craig Mooshegan (189) won 10-7 against Tim Emery, and Matt Levart (160) slammed Mike Healy 16-1.

The Warriors won the Granite City Freshman Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 6, posting 162 team points and easily outdistancing their nearest competitor.

St. Charles was second with 127 points, followed by Riverview Gardens (123), Cahokia (120), Belleville West (115½), McCluer North (80), Belleville East (74) and Collinsville (54).

Seven Warriors individuals finished first in their respective weight classes. Steven Peach (95 pounds), Jacob Trijan (103), Jeff Hair (171), Jason Evenden (189), Josh Wright (215) and Justin York (275) were all first-place winners.

Don Watson (140) placed third, while Scott Carney (125) was and Mike Hagnauer (112) finished fourth.

Against Bethalto Civic Memorial on Thursday, the Warriors won by an 84-0 score as the Eagles forfeited in all but two weight classes.

GCHS claimed the two matches on the strength of Steven Peach's pin of Jared Aultre in 1:56, the 103-pound class and Jason Evenden's win

GCHS frosh win invitational, then blank CM
Warriors junior varsity team also defeats Eagles in dual meet

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer
Looking good.

The Granite City High School freshman wrestlers are looking good early in the 1997-98 season.

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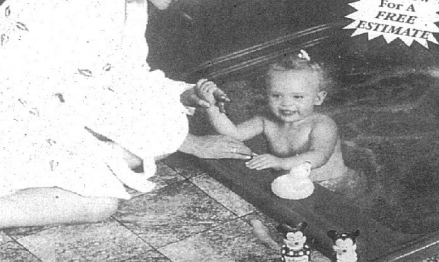
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SPORTS BRIEF

Sessions are set for 6:15-8:30 p.m. both nights. Instructions, drills and demonstrations will highlight both evening sessions. Topics to be covered include pitching, catching, outfield play, infield play (by position), hitting and bunting.

Registration is taking place at the Granite City Park District office. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$15 for players (7 years old and up), \$20 for an adult and a player, and \$25 for a family (more than two). Enrollment is limited.

Volunteer instructors include Kirk Champion, Chicago White Sox pitching coach with 10 years experience, including nine as a college pitching coach; Keith Champion, a major-league advance scout for the Chicago Cubs with 15 years of experience and also a former player, coach and manager; Bab Champion, former GCHS high school coach (1974-80) and former major league scout; and Bob Stegemeier, a former GCHS coach (1974-83) and former professional player.

All proceeds will be shared equally by the baseball programs at Granite City High School and the Granite City Park District.

Golf tourney

The Legacy is conducting a three-person scramble on Jan. 1, 1998, with a 10 a.m. shot gun start.

The scramble will be flighted based on the number of teams. The cost is \$45 per player and includes green fee, cart and 18 holes of golf. A skins game, for \$5 per person, is optional. For information, call 931-GOLF or (314) 726-GOLF.

Baseball camp

FAC Sports Camps and BAC baseball coach Neil Fiala will conduct two hitting camps and one pitching camp at Belleville Area College Intramural Gym, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, Ill. The hitting camps, \$65 per session, are Dec. 29-31 (9-11:30 a.m.) and Jan. 5-7 (5:30-8 p.m.). The pitching camp is \$45 and runs Dec. 29-31 (12:30-3 p.m.).

For a registration sheet, call (618) 235-2700, ext. 371 during the day, or (314) 487-2768 in the evening.

UMSL softball clinic

The University of Missouri-St. Louis softball winter hitting and defense instructional clinic will be Dec. 20-21. The clinic is open to seventh-through 12th-grade girls within a 100-mile radius of St. Louis. The fee is \$50 for six hours of instruction. For more information, call (314) 565-5685 or (314) 516-5661.

MVCHA scholarships

The Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association has announced that two \$500 scholarships will be awarded this year following the 1997-98 hockey season.

All high school seniors who play high school hockey in the MVCHA this season will be eligible to compete for the scholarships. Selections will be approved for distribution by the MVCHA Board of Directors. Scholarships will be distributed directly to the college, trade school, vocational school or community college of the student's choice.

Contact team coaches for an application for the scholarship program. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 1998. For more information, call Bob Mooshegan at 466-4533 or Dr. Gary Clark at 466-1380.

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H. Thomas Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Haynes; John S. Justice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Justice; James J. Yoboy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yoboy; and Todd S. Yurcisin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Yurcisin.

The chapter, sponsored by the Granite City Chapter #221 Royal Arch Masons, meets at the Masonic Temple, 20th and Cleveland on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

DeMolay, an international organization for young men age 12 (having completed the 7th grade) to 21, utilizes local chapters as a "laboratory" setting for members to learn leadership skills, public speaking, time management and

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In addition to these skills DeMolay offers an expansive social and athletic program. DeMolay chapters also work to become community assets through programs of community service.

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Eagles Auxiliary

Before the Oct. 28 meeting a sit-down dinner was held in honor of past presidents.

Hostesses were LaVerne Malzynski and Mary Church.

After the dinner the regular meeting was opened by President Mildred Boyd.

All officers were present

except for Junior Past President Susan Allen, pro tem Barbara Modrusic and Trustee Florence Hagnauer and pro tem Rose Peichonski.

Reading of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting. Motion was made by Secretary Vincine Zerlan to re-enroll Beverly Schuttenhofer.

A letter was read from Ruby Tuell, central regional cancer chair. Also received was information regarding the seven-state conference and the Nov. 9 district meeting in Wood River.

A thank you card was received from Mary Church. A letter was received from Granite City City Clerk Judy Whitaker regarding the donation to the Santa House, which was tabled until the next meeting.

The bingo report was given by Evalene Ederle as well as the secretary's and treasurer's reports. They were all approved.

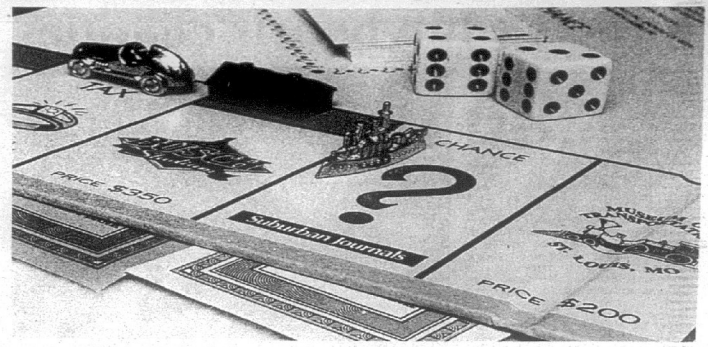
The past presidents were then honored.

Past presidents attending were Mary Korschog, Angie Buehler, Vera Johnson, Helen Lipchik, Billie Schuler, Amelia Weatherford, Gladys Freeman, Vincine Zerlan, Susie Rogers, Florence Stokes, El Deloney, Joanna Spencer, Barbara Modrusic and Ann Pates.

President Mildred Boyd presented each one with a gift from the past presidents by Joanna Spencer.

There was no jackpot winner as Helen Pashedag was not present. Good of the Auxiliary was won by Dorothy Landfried and Ruth Hansen.

The closing ceremony was held with all the past presidents reciting the Auxiliary pledge.



Chances on a new edition of Monopoly come courtesy of St. Louis businesses such as the Suburban Journals. Properties available for sale include Busch Stadium, the Museum of Transportation, University City Loop and St. Louis Zoo.

Chances are ...

St. Louis Monopoly features hometown favorites

By Mary Shapiro
Staff writer

Forget Park Place, Marvin Gardens and Boardwalk—the new St. Louis version of Monopoly offers destinations such as the Arch, Ted Drewes frozen custard stand and the Suburban Journals.

Based on the classic game, the just-released, authorized St. Louis edition is played with the same rules, tokens, houses and hotels as the original, but features local landmarks and locations.

It's one of many specialized issues, recognizing everything

from U.S. cities and states (like golf) to celebrities (ala Batman and Robin).

The games are developed by USAOPOLY under a license with Hasbro Inc.

Properties included on the St. Louis edition include: Busch Stadium, Union Station, Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, the Museum of Transportation, the St. Louis Landing, Soudard, the University City Loop, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the St. Louis Art Museum and the St. Louis Zoo.

Chances recognize local firms the Suburban Journals is one of them.

Other "members of the board" include Boeving (McDonnell Douglas), Boeving Pizza, KPLR-TV (Channel 11), Fox Theatre, Regal Hotel, Ritz Carlton-St. Louis hotel, Riverport Amphitheater, Robert Seins, Jewellers, Soudard's restaurant, Seven Gables Inn, Southwest Airlines and Southwest Bank.

The St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Rams and St. Louis Ambush sports teams also get a tip of Rich Uncle Pennybags' top hat.

Since the company secured its license to produce custom editions of the game about four years ago, its goal has been to

make versions for cities where residents are strongly loyal to the community and have a significant tourism base, said Maggie Matthews, director of marketing with USAOPOLY.

"St. Louis fit all those parameters," she said. "We wanted to create a 'greatest hits' game, so any native could see what's essentially St. Louis."

The local game took about four to six months to develop, with USAOPOLY using a team of St. Louis-based experts to come up with locations.

"The dog, shoe, top hat, race car and other six tokens and four corners always remain the same in all our editions," Matthews said.

"However, though we have 34 other editions of the game on the market, we used a local artist, John Ellis, for the first time on the St. Louis version. He created the artwork in the corners of the game board."

The game's suggested retail price is \$30.

A portion of the proceeds from each game sold during the coming year will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

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Police chiefs targeting buses

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

When the red and yellow lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended on a school bus, local police departments want motorists to take heed and obey the law.

Consequently, with the cooperation of Metro East bus operators, the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association is sponsoring an initiative to target motorists going around school buses letting children off at their local destinations.

On Dec. 15-17, law enforcement officers from participating departments will be riding school buses in the effort of catching violators passing stopped school buses.

Local police departments participating include Belleville, Bethalto, Collinsville, Edwardsville, Fairmont City,

Fairview Heights, Granite City, Maryville, O'Fallon and Roxana. In addition, the Illinois State Police and Madison County Sheriff's Department will also be joining in the effort.

Collinsville Police Chief Gerit Gillespie said Collinsville police will be riding school buses at least one of the three days, with a police vehicle following nearby.

He said particular attention would be focused on routes having more reports of "stop arm" violations.

Fairmont Police Chief Scott Penny said police officers would be participating in the initiative as well, and that citations would be issued to violators passing buses discharging children.

Penny said that although it has been his experience that most people in Fairmont City drive responsibly, and that stop arm violations (of school buses) were rare, compliance would be strictly enforced.

Under the Illinois Vehicle Code, Chapter 625, Section 5/11-1414, driving privileges of anyone convicted of passing a stopped school bus can be suspended for three months.

A subsequent conviction results in the mandatory suspension of the violator's driving privileges for one year, if the conviction occurs within five years of the prior conviction.

In addition to the mandatory suspensions, the violator will receive a mandatory fine of \$150 on the first conviction and a \$500 fine on any subsequent conviction.

"This is a very valid concern and we're taking it seriously," Fredeking said.

Most departments will have an officer ride a school bus at least one of the three days with a police vehicle following nearby.

If the officer on the bus spots a violator, the officer in the vehicle will pull the motorist over, Fredeking said. Information for this story was contributed by staff writer Aileen Hill.

Are you feeling "Ho!Ho!hum..." this holiday season?

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The new store is called The Unique Boutique because of its unique features. The revenue received from the items donated by the community will be recycled back into our communities through a concept called work donation. An individual who is experiencing a financial crisis can work off past due rent, mortgage, doctor bills, utilities, etc. A Hand Up, Inc. is partnering with other agencies to provide a free on-site job development training to individuals that will enable them to use as work experience on resumes. Some of the job development skills will be cashing, telephone etiquette, inventory management, retail experience, etc.

The Unique Boutique will be accepting donations starting the week of December 8, 1997. We need donations of good used clothing, shoes, furniture, toys, dishes, etc. You can drop off your donations from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. If you need for someone to pick up your donations please call 697-1241 or after 12/11/97 you can call 344-3404 (store number).

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NEWS

Variety Club boosts charities

Local children's charities are able to help more, thanks to recent donations by the St. Louis Variety Club.

Variety Club allocated funds to 149 children's agencies at the group's annual allocations luncheon Dec. 2.

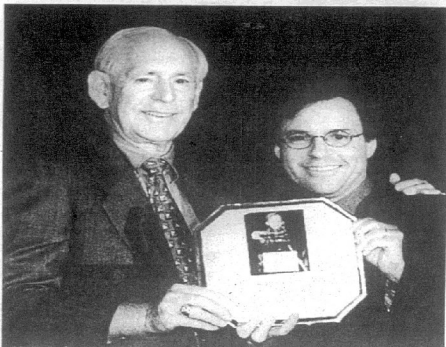
The Variety Club is a non-profit organization that helps provide a better quality of life for thousands of disabled and disadvantaged children in the greater St. Louis area.

Founded in St. Louis in 1968, the Variety Club over the past three decades has raised more than \$47 million through its annual telethon. The 1998 telethon is scheduled for March 6 and 7.

The following agencies received Variety Club funding: Alton Day Care, \$4,100; Archdiocesan Department Special Education, \$19,900; Association Midwest Disadvantaged Youth, \$6,200; Asthma and Allergy Foundation, \$6,200; B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, \$2,000; BeDell Resource Center, \$3,000; Belle Center Inc., \$4,000; Big Brothers/Big Sisters SW Illinois, \$2,000; Birthright Counseling, St. Louis, \$2,000; Bishop Healy School, \$6,400; Boys and Girls Club of Alton, \$3,200; Boys and Girls Club of St. Charles, \$10,900; Boys and Girls Town of Missouri, \$2,500; Boys Club of St. Louis, \$10,500; Boys Hope/Girls Hope/St. Louis, \$3,650; Boy Scouts of America, St. Louis, \$1,000; Boy Scouts-O'kaw Valley Council, \$2,000.

Camp Happy Day, \$6,200; Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, \$35,000; Catholic Charities Housing Resource Center, \$2,100; Catholic Children's Home, \$3,200; Catholic Family Services, \$2,000; Cathedral Mission Society, \$9,300; Catholic Services/Children and Youth, \$3,000; Central Institute for the Deaf, \$10,500; Cerebral Palsy of SW Illinois, \$5,300; Child Center of Our Lady, \$20,000; Childhaven, \$5,300; Children's Center/Behavioral Development, \$3,000; Children's Home Society, Missouri, \$10,000; Cooperative Congregational Outreach, \$5,800; Coordinated Youth and Human Services, \$2,000; Cornerstone Center/Early Learning, \$3,000; Crider Center/Mental Health, \$3,500.

CTMC/Cochran Community Center, \$7,000; Delta Gamma Center, \$6,000; Delta Services Jefferson County, \$7,500; Downtown Children's Center, \$3,400; Early Child Care Development, \$4,200; ECHO/St. Louis Christian Home, \$8,400; Edgewood Children's Center, van; Euclid Academy, \$10,900; Family Resource Center, van; Family Support Services, 2,000; Father Dunne's Newsboys Home, \$3,000; Friedens Haus Community Coalition, \$2,000; George Washington Carver House, \$3,200; Girl Scout Council — St. Louis, \$1,000; Girls Inc. of



Bob Costas, NBC broadcaster, receives the 1997 "Champion for Kids" award from sports broadcaster Jack Buck at the St. Louis Variety Club's allocations luncheon Dec. 2.

St. Louis, \$8,400; Good Samaritan Center, \$3,400; Good Shepherd School for Children, \$6,800; Grace Hill Neighborhood Services, \$10,700; Guardian Angel Settlement, \$8,300; Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club, \$16,900; Hilltop Day Care Center, \$5,200; Holy Angels Summer Program, \$6,600; Hosco House Inc., \$7,500; Howard Park Early Intervention Center, \$4,000; Human Support Services, \$5,400; Illinois Center for Autism, \$6,200; Jamestown New Horizons, \$4,900; Jefferson County ARC, \$2,000; JCCA-Camp Programs, \$9,000; JCCA-Susan Jacobs Day Care, \$22,000; Jewish Family and Children Services, \$10,500; Judevine Center for Autism, \$7,300; Kids in the Middle Inc., \$2,000.

Kingdom House, \$4,100; Learning Tree Inc., \$8,700; Lemay Day Care Center, \$7,500; Life Skills Foundation,

\$4,100; Lift for Life Gym Inc., \$4,100; Logos School, \$2,800; Lutheran Family and Children's Services, \$12,700; Mamie O. Stoekey School, \$2,000; Marian Hall Emergency Shelter, van; Marian Hall Independent Living, \$5,500; Marian Hall Residential Care, \$2,800; Marygrove Inc., \$16,900; Mathews-Dickey Boys Club, \$16,900; Metropolitan School, \$3,200; Midtown Catholic Community Services, \$1,000; Mini School of Jefferson County, \$8,400; Miriam School, 6,700; Missouri Girls Town Foundation Inc., \$4,100; Missouri Special Olympics Inc., \$8,400; New Horizon Center Inc., \$4,100; Northside Community Center, \$6,000; Nursery Foundation of St. Louis, \$5,600; Operation Food Search Inc., \$3,000; Our Lady's Inn, \$2,800; Our Little Haven, \$2,000; P.A.K.T. Inc., van; Paraquad

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MILESTONES

William E. Hodge celebrated his birthday Dec. 10.

Kimberly Sue Ebrecht celebrated her birthday Dec. 10.

Stan Myers celebrated his birthday Dec. 11.

Sara Myers celebrated her birthday Dec. 11.

Penny Temple celebrated her birthday Dec. 11.

Hollie Wright celebrated her birthday today, Dec. 14.

Julie Nicol celebrates her birthday today, Dec. 14.

Doris and Gail Johnson celebrate their wedding anniversary Dec. 15.

Janet Sue Wells celebrates her birthday Dec. 15.

Amy Martin celebrates her birthday Dec. 16.

Denise M. Cook celebrates her birthday Dec. 17.

Chelsea Burdge celebrates her birthday Dec. 17.

Doug Parks celebrates his birthday Dec. 17.

Nicole Diane Bailey celebrates her birthday Dec. 18.

Dawn Marie Staggs celebrates her birthday Dec. 19.

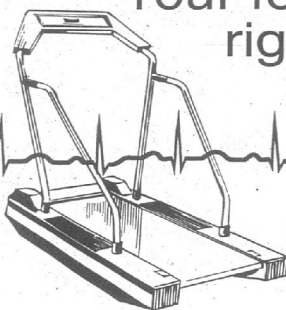
Alexander J.N. Siedhoff celebrates his birthday Dec. 19.

Jimmy Joe Turner celebrates his birthday Dec. 19.

To submit an item for Milestones, drop a post card to "Milestones," 1815 Delmar, Granite City, IL 63040. Please include a telephone number for verification purposes.

Also, keep in mind that we will run birthdays and anniversaries each year unless we are contacted and asked to take the item off the list. So please contact us if a person you submitted for milestones passes away, or no longer wants to be included in the listing.

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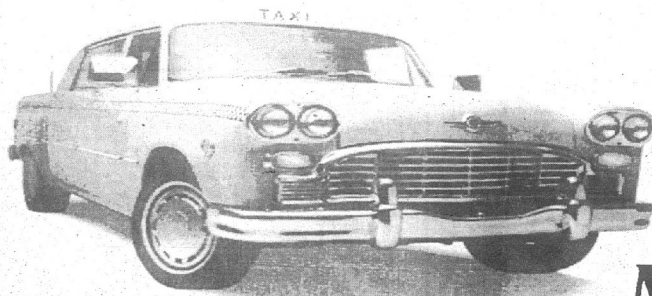
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SCHOOL MENUS

Dec. 15-19

Granite City
Public Schools

MONDAY, Dec. 15 — Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, cinnamon apples; Lunch: Pizza slices, tossed salad with lite dressing, sliced pineapple.

TUESDAY, Dec. 16 — Breakfast: Blueberry squares, fruit cup; Lunch: Submarine sandwich on deli, fresh vegetable wedges, orange wedges.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17 — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, raisins; Lunch: Salisbury steak, green beans, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, fruit cup.

THURSDAY, Dec. 18 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast (two slices), fresh banana; Lunch: Sloppy Joe on bun, mixed vegetables, sliced peaches.

FRIDAY, Dec. 19 — Breakfast: Pop Tarts (two), applesauce; Lunch: Grilled cheese, soup of the day, sliced carrots, fresh fruit.

Madison
Public Schools

MONDAY, Dec. 15 — Breakfast: Cereal and toast; Lunch: Chili Crispito, Lettuce and tomato, pineapple chunks, low-fat yellow cake, or pizza.

TUESDAY, Dec. 16 — Breakfast: donuts; Lunch: Hamburger, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, crackers, bread, or nachos.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17 — Breakfast: Turnovers; Lunch: Sausage pizza, tossed salad, salad dressing, fruit cocktail, or hot dog.

THURSDAY, Dec. 18 — Breakfast: Cereal and toast; Lunch: Fried chicken, whipped potatoes, corn, rolls, peaches or burrito.

FRIDAY, Dec. 19 — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza; Lunch: Nacho cheese tortilla chips, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, carrot sticks, celery sticks, applesauce or hamburger.

Venice

Public Schools

MONDAY, Dec. 15 — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls; Lunch: Chicken nuggets with sweet

and sour sauce, green beans, candied yams, sliced bread.

TUESDAY, Dec. 16 — Breakfast: French toast sticks, sliced bacon; Lunch: Sloppy Joe on bun, potato wedges, Jell-o with fruit.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17 — Breakfast: Cereal, fruit; Lunch: Shellfish, spinach, pears, sliced bread.

THURSDAY, Dec. 18 — Breakfast: Breakfast snack and juice; Lunch: Barbecue pork, corn, fruit, sliced bread.

FRIDAY, Dec. 19 — Breakfast: Toasted bagels, cream cheese or jelly; Lunch: Tuna salad, peas, fruit, chips.

St. Elizabeth

MONDAY, Dec. 15 — Lunch: Hot dog on bun, potato wedges, carrots, Jell-o.

TUESDAY, Dec. 16 — Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17 — Lunch: Hard shell taco, mixed vegetables, fruit, cake.

THURSDAY, Dec. 18 — Lunch: Chicken noodle soup/crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, peaches.

FRIDAY, Dec. 19 — Lunch: Fish on bun, tator tots, slaw, apple sauce.

Holy Family

MONDAY, Dec. 15 — Lunch: Sloppy Joe on bun, buttered noodles, sliced cheese, corn, cherry crisp.

TUESDAY, Dec. 16 — Lunch: Scrambled eggs, hash rounds, biscuits, sausage gravy, peach cups.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17 — Lunch: Spaghetti, lettuce salad, cheese chunks, bread, applesauce.

THURSDAY, Dec. 18 — Lunch: Meat and gravy over rice or mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, cherry crisp.

FRIDAY, Dec. 19 — Lunch: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickles, celery and carrot sticks, Jell-o with fruit.

24 locals
named state
scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission released the names of the 1998-99 Illinois State Scholars.

Granite City High School is honored with 24 students who qualified as Illinois State Scholars through a series of achievements and calculations for this distinctive honor.

The Granite City High School 1998-99 Illinois State Scholars are:

Hillary Aerts, Casey Aahby, Crystal Brown, Kathryn Cooper, Andrew Davis, Laura Davis, Timothy Dittman, Tara Falter, Sarah Fielding, Patrick Fyalka, Matthew Gibson, Joe Herman, Jonas Janek, Erin McGehee, Jessica McLeod, Salina Morlen, Melissa Nelson, Rachel Rees, Kathryn Schermer, (See SCHOLARS, Page 108)

Variety

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Inc., \$5,000; Fenuel Inc., \$2,500; Pony Bird Inc., \$5,000; PRIME/CARE, \$2,300; Project JESS, \$7,100; PTO Exceptional Children, \$2,600; Ranken Jordan Home for Children, \$4,100; St. George School, \$1,800; St. Jane Catholic Community Services, \$3,850.

St. John's Child Development Center, \$2,500; St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf, \$8,500; St. Joseph's Home for Boys, \$3,450; St. Louis ALC, \$16,900; St. Louis Area Food Bank, \$4,900; St. Louis Children's Hospital, \$16,250; St. Louis Crisis Nursery, \$3,900; St. Louis Hearing and Speech Center, \$8,400; St. Louis Society for Children and Adults, \$25,000; St. Louis Transitional Hope House, \$4,100; St. Martha's Hall, \$2,200; St. Martin's Child Center, \$8,000; St. Mary's Early Intervention/Day Care, \$8,400; St. Mary's Special Services/Residential, \$16,900; St. Patrick Center, \$9,500; St. Philippine Home, \$5,000.

St. Vincent Home, \$3,000; Salvation Army-Belleview, \$2,000; Salvation Army-Comm. in Partnership, \$5,400; Salvation Army-Family Haven, \$2,500; Salvation Army Hope Center Day Care, \$3,000; Salvation Army Hope Center/Treatment Service, \$2,000; Salvation Army-Wellston, \$2,000; Sequoia House, \$10,000; Shaw Avenue Children's Center, \$2,000; Shelter the Children Inc., \$3,200; Sherwood Forest Camp, \$3,000; SLARC Camp, \$5,000; South Side Day Nursery, \$11,600; Southside Catholic Community Services, van; Special Lutheran Classes, \$5,400.

SPROG Inc., \$2,000; Stella Maris Child Center, \$4,900; Therapeutic Horsemanship, \$7,500; United Church Neighborhood House, \$4,500; United Services for the Handicapped, \$10,500; Villa Maria Center, van; Webster Child Care Center, \$3,000; Wesley House, \$3,000; Women's Crisis Center-East, \$2,000; Wyman Center, \$3,400; YMCA Southwest Illinois, \$2,500; YMCA Tri-City Area, \$2,000; YMCA of the Ozarks, \$3,500; Youth Emergency Service, \$7,100; Youth and Family Center, \$8,400; and Youth in Need Inc., \$3,650.

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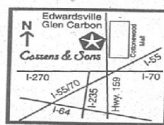


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ENTERTAINMENT

HOROSCOPE

SUNDAY, DEC. 14
Under the Cancer moon, which opposes Mercury today, you flow freely in thought and word, expressing your emotions perfectly. Others will start the ball rolling because they understand what you need. Wonderful love connections can be made if you are brave enough to let down your armor. A light group can now be infiltrated, so try to break into the clique you've felt so excluded from.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Concentrate on new beginnings, even with old friends or lovers. Set patterns that can be changed with the proper focus. Start planning how you might invest in a new business, education or equipment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

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Ask others if there is anything you need to know to make your ride smoother. The answers are close at hand. Trust your instincts, and bet on your own abilities. Money to make major purchases will come to you on Friday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You are bright and enthusiastic, so team up with people who appreciate these qualities. A mystifying relationship will commence. What are you hiding? You'll discover that this secret is really endearing to others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). All that you need is available to you, but knowing the right questions to ask is the key. You feel emotionally stable and complete when you choose to feel that way. Your relationships will become more solid.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Allow life to pass gently. Those wrapped up in unnecessary drama can spoil a peaceful day if you let them! Limit your contact with negativity. If you still seek more love, look to a past co-worker for

romance.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 14). It's a year of discovery. Go after your goals with enormous fortitude. Get to the bottom of financial problems, and by February, you'll be sitting pretty. Nobody can tell you to fall in love, not even yourself. But keep your self-esteem high, and you may only be attracted to healthy romance. An Aries or a Pisces is a strong romantic contender.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are the mediator once more, but this time, it is much easier to sort truth from fiction. News from afar eases a financial burden or emotional pressure. You may have a major reconciliation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Thank the people around you

who bring you comfort, especially those you often overlook! Those in power test you, and you pass with flying colors. You will meet someone important to your future at a group gathering.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your mind is unusually clever and quick. A romantic relationship is under somewhat of a strain. Household chores or take-home work may keep you from enjoying the company of friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Others have a way of arousing your temper, so be prepared. Withhold judgment about money matters. Take a calculated risk, and bet on your imaginative and creative talents. Give a child some needed comfort and love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Beginning the day by thanking a loved one sends you off with the proper perspective. Take advantage of a money opportunity this afternoon, and yes, you are entitled to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You gain from developing a better relationship with your landlord or loan officer this week. Offbeat subjects will interest you. Hidden factors may be revealed, affecting your sense of personal or job security.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Material benefits will come to you. You can afford to be generous with your friends and loved ones. A romance is powerful. An unusual attraction takes you by surprise. Ingenuity solves problems.

MOVIE SCHEDULES

Film timetable for Sunday, Dec. 14. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check with local theaters.

ALTON CINE
2640 Clair St., 462-1131
Mortal Kombat 2 (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:15
The Rainmaker (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00

CARMIKE PETITE
170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill. 344-1708
Home Alone 3 (PG) 1:15, 3:20, 7:15, 9:20
The Rainmaker (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45
Alien Resurrection (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:30, 10:00
Flubber (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

CROSS KEYS CINEMA
110 Cross Keys Shopping Center
Lindbergh & New Hall Ferry, 921-9999
George of the Jungle (PG) 5:00
Soul Food (R) 12:00, 7:00
Movie Talks (R) 9:15
Hercules (G) 5:00
Men in Black (PG-13) 2:45, 7:15
Switchback (R) 9:15

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill. 254-5289
Flubber (PG) 2:30, 5:00, 7:15
Scream 2 (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
For Richer Or Poorer (PG-13) 2:45, 5:15, 7:30
Home Alone 3 (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45
Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil (R) 1:15, 4:20, 6:45
Anastasia (G) 2:15, 4:30, 6:45

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill. 556-6390
Scream 2 (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Mortal Kombat 2 (PG-13) 12:10, 2:10, 4:15, 7:20, 9:40
Scream 2 (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Scream 2 (R) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
Alien Resurrection (R) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55
The Jackal (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
Eve's Bayou (R) 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
The Rainmaker (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
I Know What You Did Last Summer (R) 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
Flubber (PG) 12:40, 2:55, 5:05, 7:15, 9:25
Home Alone 3 (PG) 12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 7:00, 9:20
Anastasia (G) 12:35, 2:40, 4:40, 7:00, 9:05

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE
2600 Target Drive, 822-4900
For Richer Or Poorer (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05
Devil's Advocate (R) 1:05, 7:35
Starship Troopers (R) 1:05, 7:35
Mortal Kombat 2 (PG-13) 12:10, 2:10, 4:15, 7:20, 9:40
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LINCOLN THEATRE
103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill., 233-6123

Excess Baggage (PG-13) 1:40, 7:00
Soul Food (R) 7:00, 9:20
Air Bud (PG) 1:30
Switchback (R) 9:00

NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
I Know What You Did Last Summer (R) 2:15, 7:30
Starship Troopers (R) 2:00, 7:00

NORTHWEST PLAZA 9
Northwest Plaza Mall, 822-4900
For Richer Or Poorer (PG-13) 1:30, 4:35, 7:05
Anastasia (G) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30
Flubber (PG) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40
Flubber (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:00
The Rainmaker (PG-13) 1:10, 4:30, 7:30
Soul Food (R) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10
The Man Who Knew Too Little (PG) 1:00, 9:25
Mad City (PG-13) 3:00, 7:45
Kiss The Girls (R) 1:35, 4:40, 7:15
Devil's Advocate (R) 1:25, 4:20, 7:05

O'FALLON 15 CINE
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 822-4900
For Richer Or Poorer (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 8:05
For Richer Or Poorer (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
Starship Troopers (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55
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Anastasia (G) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
Kiss The Girls (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:05, 9:45
Boogie Nights (R) 1:30, 4:30, 8:00
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AUTOMOTIVE

Taurus Wagon

Taurus station wagon has dual appeal

By Tom Strongman

Station wagons are a unique breed, but few of them are available any longer because the ubiquitous minivans and sport-utility vehicles have largely taken their place.

That said, some buyers still prefer what wagons offer: the ability to swallow sizable loads and still drive like a car.

Ford offers Escort and Taurus wagons. I drove a Taurus SE, which is the only Taurus wagon available for 1998. It comes with the 3.0-liter, 24-valve V-6 engine and automatic transmission. Ford has simplified its model lineup by offering only two series in each passenger car line. For example, the Taurus is available in LX and SE models, with Sport and Comfort option packages available on the SE. Prices have been reduced as well.

This price/option package reorganization comes after Ford conducted extensive research in which customers said they didn't like "stripped" vehicles; they wanted "the power and performance of multi-valve engines" at an affordable price; and they thought there was too much overlap in prices.

Ford says standard equipment levels have been raised, more options are available on a free-standing basis, and option groups have been simplified for less confusion.

The configuration of the Taurus wagon I drove is a good example of how Ford reacted to the pressures of the marketplace. Not only is the Duratec V-6 standard, but so is cruise control, air conditioning, power windows, power locks, tilt steering wheel, remote keyless entry, 60/40 split rear seat and AM/FM stereo cassette. That's quite a bit of equipment for a base price of \$21,105.

Step on the throttle and this front-wheel-drive wagon moves out smartly, thanks to its 200-horsepower. This engine is so much more satisfying than the less-sophisticated Vulcan V-6 because it vibrates less and has more power. The only negative to this engine is some noise when revved hard.

Complementing this engine is an electronically controlled transmission that can be shifted



ed out of overdrive with a button mounted on the shift lever. I often used this handy feature for a quick shot of extra power or to help slow descents on hills.

Brakes are disc front and rear, and our car was equipped with the \$600 anti-lock system.

The Taurus passenger compartment looks as distinctive as the exterior. The center portion of the dash is dominated by the black oval control panel for heating and audio. Having all the switches located in one place makes a lot of sense, but deciphering them takes a bit of concentration until you get used to the layout. I admire Ford for breaking new ground here, although I am not sure buyers think this concept is as appealing as it seemed it would be at first.

From a functional perspective, the rest of the interior is fairly straightforward. Gauges are readable and secondary switches are easy to understand.

Second-generation air bags that inflate with less force are used for driver and passenger. Miniature cargo nets have been added to the lower kick panels of each front door to make up for the lack of storage pockets in the doors. Not the best solution but better than none.

A large center console contains the shift lever, dual cup holders and a spacious storage bin.

Back-seat passengers commented about having to duck their heads to get in because of the curved-top doors, which are the same type used on the sedan.

A rear-facing third seat is optional for those who need seating for as many as eight. I noticed that our station wagon rode

noticeably harsher than the sedan. While the station wagon has its own unique wishbone-style rear suspension in order to provide a wide, flat load floor, I would attribute the sharper ride to the fact that our test vehicle was specified with the optional heavy duty suspension.

Around back, the curved lift-gate pivots at the top for easy loading. Inside, a window shade-type cover blocks your cargo from prying eyes.

The radically different Taurus styling does not resonate with all buyers, so for 1998 Ford tweaked the front end to give it a bolder grill, although I think it looks much the same.

If you are one of those folks who want a station wagon with the manners of a sedan, you will find the Taurus wagon worth checking out.

The base price of our test car was \$21,105. Options of anti-lock brakes, comfort group, aluminum wheels, heavy duty suspension and compact disc player brought the sticker price to \$24,035.

The standard warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

POINTS & PLUGS

By Rick Stoff

If the people at your car dealership don't treat you like royalty, they should. A study by the ubiquitous J.D. Power and Associates market research firm has found that loyal customers pay \$1,200 more than new customers, on average, for a new car or truck.

The company found that 42 percent of the people who bought new vehicles in the 1997 model year were repeat buyers within their brands. The highest brand loyalty found last year was for Ford, with 56 percent of purchases coming from repeaters. Toyota was second at 52 percent, and Chevrolet was third at 50 percent.

Powers found that 84.4 percent of American buyers were loyal within America's "Big Three" companies. Loyalty to Japan's "Big Three" was 69.8 percent, and to European companies it was 47.9 percent.

Modern automotive safety devices actually may increase the risks of serious car injuries if not used properly, according to the noted automotive publication Reader's Digest.

Automatic seat belts - which roll up over your shoulder every time the car door is shut - may not do much good if the occupant does not also buckle the lap belt firmly over the hips. If only the automatic shoulder belt is in place in an accident, the occupant still can fly around inside the car. In at least one crash, a car passenger who did not wear the lap belt was decapitated when her body was thrown into the shoulder belt.

Anti-lock brakes appear - at least statistically - to be related to an increased risk of injury or death when compared with cars and trucks without them. It is believed that people driving cars with anti-lock brake systems (ABS) believe they can drive more exuberantly in slick conditions, and as a result, get themselves into more trouble.

A second factor is the different driving style needed to take advantage of anti-lock brakes. When making a sudden stop in a car without ABS, drivers have been taught to pulse the brakes to maximize slowing forces without locking up the tires. With ABS, the driver should slam and hold the brakes down hard, and allow the system to modulate braking forces to provide the quickest stop while maintaining vehicle control.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is studying statistics on the accident history of trucks and sport-utility vehicles. The increasing numbers of pickups and sport-utilities on the road have revealed the higher and larger vehicles may be causing higher levels of injuries and damage.

A few insurance companies have started charging higher liability premiums to truck and sport-utility drivers. Companies that build these vehicles claim the statistics do not justify the differing treatment.

The Geo Metro is rated as the most fuel-efficient car sold in the U.S. for the 1998 model year. It delivers 44 miles per gallon in city driving and 49 mpg on the highway. The Volkswagen Jetta and Passat came in second and third, respectively.

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CLUB NEWS

Retired Office Personnel

Retired Office Personnel, Granite City School District #9, met at the Mansion in O'Fallon for its December meeting. Those attending were June Mercer, Millie Chandler, Arlene Haldeman, Marcella Pitcher, June Schneider, Frieda Andrews, Lucille Gaban, Harriet Mercer, Betty Harris, Sonya Chansian, Alleen Worthen, Dorothy Lerner, Marge Burdge, Nancy Rosales, Zoe Mitchell, Barbara Schrieber and Alice Campbell. A donation was made to Local 98 for the union's Christmas basket project. Arlene Haldeman, January hostess, has made reservations at T's in Granite City. The next meeting is Jan. 8.

Illinois Omicron Master Chapter

Illinois Omicron Master Chapter of Beta Sigma sorority held the first of its bi-monthly meetings Nov. 5 in the home of Beatrice Brackett. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Evelyn Tolliver. Arlene Haldeman read an invitation from the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Organization Training and Development Department inviting the chapter to an open house held Nov. 18. The open house was held in the center's Medical Library to introduce the new Community Health Information Center. Alice Konieczny invited the chapter to the First Presbyterian Church of Granite City's Nov. 9

concert by the Saint Louis Symphony Children's Choirs.

Following the business meeting Imogene Forrest gave a review of the book, "The Timepiece," by Richard Paul Evans. Members attending the meeting were Joyce Alexander, Pat Teigoloff and Lora Mae Lombardi in addition to those mentioned above.

The second meeting of the month was held Nov. 19 in the home of Imogene Forrest. Nine members attended. President Evelyn Tolliver presided over the business meeting.

Tickets were distributed for the Chuck Norman Christmas Party Dec. 19 in St. Louis.

The chapter donated \$50 to New Opportunities Inc. of Granite City. Juanita Calve gave a review of the book, "Things to Come."

The meeting was attended by Arlene Haldeman, Pat Teigoloff, Alice Konieczny, Lora Mae Lombardi, Joyce Alexander, Beatrice Brackett as well as those already mentioned.

Federated Women's Clubs

The quarterly meeting of the 22nd District of the General Federated Women's Clubs of Illinois will be held 9:30 Dec. 20 at the Collinsville Holiday Inn.

District members plan to decorate Christmas trees with teddy bears and hearts. The decorated trees will be donated to Children's Homes.

Nominations are being submitted at this time for president elect, vice president, and corresponding secretary for the 22nd District.

Homemakers Extension

The Southwest District HCE was held Nov. 17 at Hope Lutheran Church with the Creative Women Unit as hostess. Sarah Hueber of Creative Women welcomed all and introduced the speaker, John McCall of Edwardsville.

The meeting was then turned over to district president Gloria Haerer who conducted the business meeting. Ladies in attendance from the Granite City unit were Florence Hagnauer, Ann Pates, Sophia Thomas, Mary Thebeau, Mary Evelyn Yenchko, LaNell Lesseg and Vincine Zorian.

The present district officers, President Gloria Haerer, Treasurer Judy Baker, Vice President Sarah Hueber and Secretary Emma Jackich will stay in for another term of office.

Scholars

(Continued from Page 78) Sara Schwager, Rosanne Sleska, Michael Stone, Karla Williams and Jenna Wright. Although program participation by high schools is voluntary, nearly all participate and the state's top students elect to have test scores and high school class ranks sent to ISAC

for consideration in the popular program. About 10 percent of Illinois high school seniors are designated state scholars and receive a Certificate of Achievement for the accomplishment. Of the approximately 125,000 high school graduating seniors, more than 12,500

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Career as marriage counselor requires many skills

By Steve Bryan
Correspondent

Television viewers always laughed when Archie Bunker called his spouse a "dingbat" or when bus driver Ralph Krampen threatened to send his wife, Alice, "to the moon".

In real life, however, marital problems are no laughing matter. Without proper counseling, husbands and wives in troubled marriages might physically abuse each other, end up in divorce court or worse.

"If people come into this field, they are committed to learning for life. It's quite an undertaking."

Doris Diamond
therapist

A marriage and family therapist, such as those at Provident Counseling help couples like these find positive, healthy ways to work through their problems.

Marriage and family therapists need maturity, life experience and must be open to learning," said Doris Diamond, director of training for Provident Counseling's Family Therapy Institute.

"They also need to maintain good personal boundaries. Marriage and family therapists must maintain their professional roles and not become friends with those that they counsel," she said.

A solid education is necessary for anyone choosing this career. It takes many years of study beyond college and graduate school to become a solid, licensed practitioner.

In Missouri, however, there isn't a license available for marriage and family therapy. Some states offer licenses and a few have schools of marriage and family therapy, such as those at Brigham Young, Iowa State and Kansas State.

"People who practice marriage and family therapy in Missouri normally have a master's degree in a behavioral health field such as counseling or psychology," Diamond said. "They have post-graduate



Marriage therapist Doris Diamond is shown with some of the audio-visual aides she uses when counseling couples. Diamond is director of training for Provident Counseling's Family Therapy Institute.

training in marriage and family therapy." Diamond said that with the approval of the Missouri Department of Professional Licensure, a license hopefully will be available in the spring.

Experience is also a necessity for this field. While in graduate school, marriage and family therapists work at least 360 hours of supervised times with couples and families in a clinical environment.

"Provident Counseling has a post-degree program in marriage and family therapy," Diamond said. "It's the only accredited program in the state."

To have their own practice, marriage and family therapists need a license to

practice independently in their specialty (counseling, psychiatric nursing, etc.). This requires an additional two years experience under the supervision of a licensed practitioner.

"If people come into this field, they are committed to learning for life. It's quite an undertaking," Diamond said.

Marriage and family therapists study and work hard and must invest a lot of time even before starting their career. Still, it is a rewarding and satisfying field for the right person.

For me, it's been personally very exciting just to have the opportunity to do this type of work," Diamond said.

How to choose a career

By Steve Bryan
Correspondent

One of the most difficult decisions people must make is choosing the "right" career from hundreds of possibilities.

When we are young, the choices are pretty simple. Comedian Lily Tomlin once said, "Wouldn't it be great if we all grew up to be what we wanted to be as children? The world would be full of nurses, firemen and ballerinas."

For teenagers preparing to leave high school and older workers planning to change jobs, however, choosing a career is much more challenging than that.

They must decide, for instance, between taking a job doing something they enjoy or choosing a career because it pays well.

"Certainly, what you like to do is what you will be successful at, provided it can put food on the table," said Deborah Kettler, director of career services at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

"And just because a particular field, such as computer programming, is high-paying doesn't mean that someone will be good at it," she said.

One of the first steps in choosing a career is being able to sit down and look honestly and rationally at what you have to offer an employer, Kettler said.

"Typically, if your interests, strengths and skills are with numbers, you're probably not a good people person," she said. "If you're a good people person, you may not be good in a field such as accounting."

In addition to self-evaluation, several career tests are available to help people match their abilities to careers and job titles.

Public libraries also contain many reference materials on careers and the Internet has many web sites about jobs and employment opportunities.

Once you've made a career choice, a great way to investigate that career is to get a job in that field while still in college.

"Internships and career-related jobs allow you to 'test drive' your career decision," she said. "If someone can get career-related experience while they're finishing their degree, it increases their marketability."

These also give companies a good look at you. Employers want someone with good grades, good communications skills, flexibility and experience.

Some years ago, people started in entry-level positions within a company, moved up the corporate ladder and then retired 45 years later with a gold watch and pension.

The 1990s, however, saw many companies "downsizing" their staffs to cut costs and increase profits. Loyal employees suddenly found themselves without a job, paycheck or marketable skills.

"People are going to have to start taking responsibility for their careers," Kettler said. "Think of yourself as an entrepreneur. You have to manage your career."

"You have to stop and think how to keep yourself marketable. This might mean going back to school to keep your skills current."

Choosing a certain career doesn't necessarily mean giving up work that you love, however. Many people work in offices during the day to put food on the table and like to sing in coffee houses in the evening.

"What you like to do can be an avocation," Kettler said. "Lots of the NFL referees, for instance, are lawyers or high school athletic directors. They have other lives."

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Columbia, SC
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REAL ESTATE TO BE OFFERED: Beautiful 3 level condo, 2 bedrooms, DR, LR, kitchen, 1 1/2 baths, utility room, car, other basements, 1 car garage, 1358 of
TERMS: 10% down day of sale, remainder due within 30 days. Sale subject to the Declaration & By Laws of Pointe North PUD Condominiums, Phase I.
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Updates: 5 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room, dining room, fireplace, central air conditioning, deck, central air conditioning. 1234 Rockwellville \$59,900. Judy Kline Christine Miller.

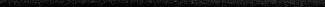
GREAT STARTER HOME. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, Oversize (24'x24') in basement, finished, carpeted, tile floor with 220 amp service, ceiling fans throughout, new roof, 1 year warranty. 2432 Sheridan, Grant City \$42,600 Diana Williams.

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TIRE OF BEING SQUEEZED? Stretch out in this large, pleasant, comfortable home. 4 BR, 3 baths, huge kitchen and beautiful pool. Perfect home for an expanding family. PR1025



OVER 2400 sq. ft. of living space in this beautiful 3-BR home in Meadow Land Estates. Living room w/marble front fireplace. Family room w/wet bar. Lovely landscaped lot. PR1151



LARGE, WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR home in Granite City. Family room w/fireplace & formal dining room. Situated on 2 acres. \$95,000 PR3088



COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE OPPORTUNITY 3.5+/- acreage in prime location in Maryville. Includes 1200 s.f. duplex with appliances. \$350,000 PR3008



WOW! Bright, friendly 2-story, 3 BR, 3 baths, 2-car garage, w/o basement. Great lot. \$122,900 PR0920



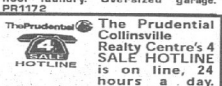
For \$184,900 you get quality & livability! Country porch, 4 BR, large corner lot, w/o basement. Near Maryville school. PR1052



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WONDERFUL BRICK COMBO. 5 BR home in wooded dead-end area. Great home with many upgrades. An excellent value w/decorating allowance. PR1211



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PRIVATE ONE ACRE LOT, just east of I-55 on Hwy1431 Three BR, large kitchen, two fireplaces, wood entry, crown moldings, & screened porch \$142,000 PR2030



4 BR, 3 BATH RANCH on 1.6 acre. Luxury MBR. Huge eat-in kitchen w/generous oak cabinets & breakfast bar. Covered patio, privacy fence & inground pool. PR1187



SNUGGLE BY THE FIRE in this absolutely immaculate 3 BR, 2 bath home in Huntington Place. Beautifully landscaped corner lot. PR 1209.



1 YEAR NEW! 2 story in Collinswood, 9 panel stained doors. Sunny kitchen, 5 burner island & large pantry, 4 BR, Main floor family room with masonry fireplace. A must see! PR1217



YESTER YEAR'S CHARM - today's floor plan. Original woodwork & moldings throughout. Main floor MBR suite, 2 baths, 4 fireplaces, 3 car garage. Wooded lot. PR1136



SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH in established Collinsville neighborhood. Two fireplaces, updated master w/whirlpool tub, Florida room, & finished w/o. \$159,900 PR3078



2200 SQ. FT. TRI-LEVEL home on wooded lot in Glenwood Estates features 4 BRs & 2 BTHs. New carpet, vinyl siding & seamless gutters. \$122,900 PR3061



GORGEOUS PRIVATE WOODS SETTING in Collinsville! Custom ranch with open floor plan & sunken living room w/cathedral ceiling. \$148,900 PR3049



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NEED 3 BEDROOMS? This home is not a drive-by. Fenced backyard with alley entrance. PR1180



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